

CALIFORNIA PIONEERS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

2012 ANNUAL HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

\$2,250.00 IN PRIZES

DEADLINE - April 15, 2012

FOURTH GRADE	WINNER - \$100.00, plus two luncheon meals, plus a subscription of the Trailblazers newsletter;
	CLASSROOM – FIELD TRIP TO WESTWARD HO! (up to \$400)
HIGH SCHOOL	WINNER - \$250.00, plus a luncheon meal, plus a subscription of the Trailblazers newsletter;
	CLASSROOM - \$250
JR. COLLEGE / COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY ..	WINNER - \$500.00, plus a luncheon meal, plus a subscription of the Trailblazers newsletter;
	TEACHER - \$100
ADULT / ADULT EDUCATION	WINNER - \$500.00, plus a luncheon meal, plus a subscription of the Trailblazers newsletter.

RULES

FOR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, ADULT, and ADULT EDUCATION CONTEST:

(Rules for Fourth Grade Contest can be found later in this document)

SUBJECT

Any person, place or event concerning Santa Clara County from its beginning to the recent past. Check www.californiapioneers.com or the California Room at the Martin Luther King Library, San Jose, for past topics.

APPLICANTS

Applicants who attend school must be enrolled in a Santa Clara County school. You do not have to be enrolled in a school for the Adult / Adult Education category. If you are an adult and not enrolled in school, you do not have to live in Santa Clara County.

CLASSROOM AWARD

Any monetary award given to a classroom in the High School category, must be used for the benefit of the classroom. It must be for the purpose of education in the area of local history, such as a history field trip, history software program, computer for history purposes, etc. The award may not be for the personal use of the teacher, nor to satisfy the needs of the school. In effect, the student and teacher earned the classroom award for the classroom.

TEACHER AWARD

Any monetary award given to teacher (in the Junior College/College/University category) is for the teacher's benefit. This is an award for the assistance provided to the student author in editing and/or guidance.

CONTENTS - Each essay must be:

Minimum 3000 words, Maximum-10,000 words (approximately 10-30 pages text)
Double spaced.
One inch margins.
Original content.
Typewritten.

1. COVER SHEET on top (which will be removed by the Pioneers) which contains information the Pioneers needs in order to contact you:

California Pioneers of Santa Clara County
Essay Contest

Category: [choose one: High School Entry; or College/University Entry; or Adult/Adult Education Entry]

Year

Title of Your Essay

[Lower left corner:]

Author's Name

Author's Address

Author's Phone Number

Author's Email

(Name of School, if any)

(If there is a Teacher Advisor, we need the name and email of that teacher)

2. TITLE PAGE which is just under cover sheet, which contains information you want the public to know, should your essay be selected as a winning essay and placed in the main public library in San Jose and on our website:

California Pioneers of Santa Clara County
Essay Contest

Category: [choose one: High School Entry; or College/University Entry; or Adult/Adult Education Entry]

Year

Title of Your Essay

[Lower left corner:]

Author's Name

Author's Address (only if you want the public to know)

Author's Phone Number (only if you want the public to know)

Author's Email (only if you want the public to know)

(Name of School, if you want the public to know)

(If there is a Teacher Advisor, only the name of that teacher)

3. Table of Contents.

4. Text begins with a short introduction, preface, or summary.

5. Footnotes (if any), using the Turabian style. (*See* www.libs.uga.edu/ref/turabian.html)

6. Bibliography, in Turabian style.

7. List of Sources (if any) such as persons, books or other items consulted.

FOR FOURTH GRADE:

(Rules for other Contest categories can be found above)

SUBJECT

A specific topic that is selected each year, just for that year. The topic for 2011-2012 is “The Importance of Water to the Early People of California.”

APPLICANTS

You must be enrolled in the fourth grade in a school within Santa Clara County. Only one essay may be submitted per school. Therefore, if the teacher or teachers in fourth grade have more than one student prepare an essay, the teacher(s) must select only one essay to submit to the contest. The student must be the author, with the teacher merely serving as the advisor to make sure the essay meets the rules and format of the contest. Teachers cannot write or re-write essays. Parents cannot write, re-write, or co-write the essay. Each fourth grade student’s work must be judged against all other fourth grade students’ work in Santa Clara County.

CLASSROOM AWARD

The classroom from which the winner comes wins a field trip to “California Pioneers of Santa Clara County presents Westward Ho!” which is offered at History San Jose on Senter Road. Go to historysanjose.org, then select “Education” tab, then select “School Programs” option, then look for “Westward Ho!” for details. The teacher should not sign up for the field trip by using the regular online registration. Special accommodation is made for the winning classroom, which needs to be arranged via email with History San Jose. The field trip must be experienced in the school year following the essay contest award. (The award is granted in the Spring, so the classroom would go on “California Pioneers of Santa Clara County presents Westward Ho!” in the following Fall or Spring.) The award may not be for the personal use of the teacher, nor to solely satisfy the needs of the school. In effect, the student and teacher earned the classroom award for the next year’s fourth grade classroom. It is not necessary that the essay winner (then in fifth grade) attend the field trip. The essay winner is welcome to attend the field trip. The essay winner’s attendance is at the discretion of, and arrangement of, the fourth grade teacher. If the fourth grade teacher is not teaching fourth grade in the same school in the following year, the award stays with the classroom.

CONTENTS - Each essay must be:

- 3 to 10 pages. No more, no less.
- Double spaced.
- One inch margins.
- Original content.
- Typewritten.

1. **COVER SHEET** on top (which will be removed by the Pioneers) which contains information the Pioneers needs in order to contact you. This information will only be seen by the small panel of Contest judges:

California Pioneers of Santa Clara County
Essay Contest
Fourth Grade Entry
Year
Title of Your Essay

[Lower left corner:]

Author’s Name

Author’s Address

Author’s Phone Number

Author’s Email (or parent’s email)

Name of School

Name and email of Teacher Advisor

Name and email of School Principal

2. TITLE PAGE which is just under cover sheet, which contains information you want the public to know, should your essay be selected as a winning essay and placed in the main public library in San Jose and on our website:

California Pioneers of Santa Clara County
Essay Contest
Fourth Grade Entry
Year
Title of Your Essay

[Lower left corner:]

Author's Name

Name of School (if you want it to be public knowledge)

Name of Teacher Advisor

3. Do not include a table of contents.

4. Text begins with a two or three sentence summary.

5. Include footnotes or endnotes (if you have any); the notes can be, but does not have to be in Turabian style.

(See www.libs.uga.edu/ref/turabian.html)

6. Include a bibliography or a list a list of sources such as persons, books or other items consulted (if any); the

bibliography can be, but does not have to be in Turabian style.

ALL CATEGORY APPLICANTS MUST ADHERE TO THESE RULES:

All applicants must submit two separate paper copies and one electronic versions (in Microsoft Word or equivalent) of his/her essay. One paper copy may go into the Pioneer Archives and the second into The California Room of the San Jose Martin Luther King Library, San Jose. The electronic copy will be circulated to the essay judges and may be uploaded to the California Pioneers website. None of the essays will be returned.

When done writing your essay, you have to do two things:

1. Mail or deliver two paper copies to:

Pioneers Essay
Mary Lou Lyon
879 Lily Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

AND

2. Email an electronic attachment in Microsoft Word (or equivalent) format to:
Professor Rose Marie Beebe
rbeebe@scu.edu

Each Fourth Grade Category paper copy must be stapled. For all other essay categories, each paper copy must be stapled, or large ACCO clipped together, or affixed within an essay folder with a see-through cover, so the essay does not come apart.

All paper copy essays must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before April 15, 2012. All electronic copies must be emailed on or before April 15, 2012.

SCORING – Scoring by the essay judge committee of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County will be based on:

- Originality
- Overall interest
- Depth of research
- Writing skill

The California Pioneers reserve exclusive publication rights to all essays. The California Pioneers reserves the right to not award winners in certain categories if the essays submitted do not warrant winning status. The California Pioneers reserves the right to split award money among winners if there is a tie, or other unusual issue. Applicants who do not follow the rules of the contest will not be considered valid essays. Winners in the previous 3 years are not eligible to compete.

Winners will receive their awards at the Pioneers Quarterly Luncheon in June. Winners will be given a complimentary lunch at the luncheon. One parent or guardian for the Fourth Grade winner will receive a complimentary lunch. Teachers, friends and relatives of the winners are welcome to join us for lunch, at their cost, to watch the winners receive their awards. Winners are encouraged to, and may, make a BRIEF presentation (limited to 5 minutes) to the Pioneers membership at that time. Winners are not required to make a presentation. Winners receive, at no cost, a one year subscription to the Pioneers “Trailblazer” newsletter.

Questions? Contact Essay Committee Chair Mary Lou Lyon, 408-253-9514 or malyon_1999@yahoo.com.

Or go to www.californiapioneers.com.