



2018 Essay Contest

The contest is open to all students in Catholic schools, parochial, private or homeschool, in grades 5 - 12. There are eight divisions:

- 5th grade school students
- 6th grade school students
- 7th/ 8th grade school students
- High school students
- 5th grade homeschoolers
- 6th grade homeschoolers
- 7th/ 8th grade homeschoolers
- High school homeschoolers



The winner of each 5th & 6th grade division will be awarded \$100.
The winner of each 7th/8th grade division will be awarded \$150.
The winner of each high school division will be awarded \$200.
Additionally, the school the student attends will receive a \$400 gift certificate towards the purchase of CTP textbooks. Winners in the homeschool divisions will receive their choice of a free CTP textbook.
Winning essays will be published on the CTP website and social media.

Essay topics vary by grade (see back for topics and writing guidelines). Deadline for submission of essays is midnight EST, **Friday, November 16, 2018**. Winners will be announced during Catholic Schools Week, January 27 – February 2, 2019.

Rule for 2018 contest: Schools may submit only **5 essays per division, per school**. While we want to have *every* student continue to participate and enjoy the opportunity to write and learn more about history, we are asking the teachers to **pre-select the best 5 essays** for submission.

See our website: <http://www.catholictextbookproject.com/>

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ESSAY TOPICS

5th Grade Students:

Choose a Catholic historical character (**born before 1950**) from North America (Canada, U.S., Mexico). Write about his or her life and work and why he or she was important to the Church and country. Students may choose a person who was born outside of North America, but did their important work in North America.

6th Grade Students:

Choose a country **other than your home country**, that you would like to visit. Research that country's history and write about two places of historical interest that you would like to visit if you traveled there and why.

7th and 8th Grade Students:

Choose a non-North American historical character (from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia or South America) who lived between 300 A. D. and 1900 A.D. and relate how that person influenced the time and place in which they lived.

High School Students:

Choose an historical event that occurred between 300 A.D. and 1900 A.D. (This could be a war, a single battle in a war, a plague, the coronation of a king, the passage of a law or decree, an ecumenical council, a revolution, an invention, a birth or death, a marriage, etc. – but the event must be a historically important event). Describe the event, the key players, its outcome and how it changed history.

WRITING GUIDELINES

- ✓ For the 5th & 6 th grade divisions, essays should be at least 450 words, but no more than 1,000 words.
- ✓ For the 7/8 divisions, essays should be at least 600 words, but no more than 1,500 words.
- ✓ For the high school divisions, essays should be at least 800 words, but no more than 2,000 words. }
- ✓ Essays should be typed, double spaced, 11 pt in Times New Roman font.
- ✓ If essays are e-mailed, they must be in PDF format.

An Entry Form (available on the CTP website) must be filled out and attached to each essay.

Essays may be mailed via USPO or e-mailed as a PDF.

Contact Katherine at contest@catholictextbookproject.com with any questions.