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**READ WINNING ESSAYS OF THE
2016 CATHOLIC TEXTBOOK PROJECT HISTORY
ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

Catholic Textbook Project, the premiere publisher of history and social studies textbooks for Catholic schools, today published the winning essays of its 2016 History Essay Contest.

In Catholic Textbook Project's 2016 History Essay Contest, students were challenged to choose a Catholic historical character and describe how he or she influenced the times in which he or she lived. The contest ran Feb-April and was open to students in Catholic schools—parochial, private or homeschooled—grades 5 through high school. Winners were chosen among 420 entries, and prizes were awarded to both student and school winners.

Posted on the publisher's website blog are the winning essays as follows:

- **Grade 5/6 Catholic School Division: Ellen Menke from St. Agnes School in St. Paul, MN**
- **Grade 5/6 Catholic Homeschool Division: James Menges from Wichita, KS**
- **Grade 7/8 Catholic School Division: Maria Middleton from Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist in Ottsville, PA**
- **Grade 7/8 Catholic Homeschool Division: Winona Born from West Victoria, Australia**
- **Catholic High School Division: Paul Burslem from Regina Mater School in Austin, TX**
- **High School Homeschool Division: Kristopher Stickney from Apex, NC**

Catholic Textbook Project's History/Social Studies textbook series for grades 5-12 is now used in Catholic schools in more than 60 dioceses nationwide, and in pockets of English-speaking schools worldwide. Development of four additional volumes, suitable for grades 1-4, has begun.

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About Catholic Textbook Project. Founded by a headmaster who was unable to find good history/social studies textbooks for his students, Michael Van Hecke, M.Ed., culled a select group of scholars, professors, educators, editors and award-winning book designers and launched Catholic Textbook Project (a 501c3 nonprofit). For more information or to explore the textbooks, or what others say about these textbooks, go to <http://www.CatholicTextbookProject.com>.