

IRISH HISTORIAN GUIDELINES

1. The National Irish Historian will submit the Irish History Topics, Rules and Judging Criteria to the State Irish Historians by September 1, 2020.
2. The State Irish Historians are to forward the information from National to County Boards and Division Historians by September 15, 2020.
3. The Irish History Contest Information shall be shared with schools, home schooled students, Parishes and any other interested party by October 1, 2020.
4. Each student entering the 2020-2021 National LAOH Irish History Contest should be given a copy of the Student Information, Contest Rules, and a copy of the 2020-2021 National LAOH Irish History Contest Judging Criteria.
5. Students should begin their entries October 1, 2020.
6. All students participating shall submit in an electronic format by November 15, 2020 to the local LAOH Division.
7. A minimum of 3 Judges is required for all Divisions, County Boards, State Boards and National Board levels.
8. Judging on the Division level will begin on November 16, 2020.
9. The student's title page is to be removed and a number is to be assigned to the entry prior to the entry being given to the Judges. Each Judge will be able to evaluate each entry without prejudice.
10. Each entry will be evaluated, for up to a total of 100 points, using the following categories:

Comprehension: 1-30 points	Organization: 1-20 points	Conclusion: 1-15 points
Creativity: 1-20 points	Writing: 1-15 points	
11. At each level, the Irish Historian shall determine the recommended score to be achieved to move the student paper to the next level. Please do not submit entries that do not meet the criteria.
12. No markings should appear on the student entry as it is being evaluated at any level. If a student entry is advanced to the next level with any markings, edits, scores, etc., it will be disqualified at the next level.
13. The Irish Historian shall provide to the Judges the 2020-2021 National LAOH Irish History Contest Judging Criteria to assist each Judge in recording student scores.
14. Each entry is to be evaluated using the Judging criteria. The questions in each category on the Judging criteria sheet are suggested questions and are not limiting criteria for the Judges, but rather they are provided to assist the Judges with minimum criteria to use when evaluating each student paper.
15. The Judges should also review the 2020-2021 National LAOH Student Information and Contest Rules prior to evaluating each student paper.
16. A total of 7 entries per Level may be submitted from the Division to the County by December 15, 2020. Remember to send in an electronic format.
17. A total of 7 entries per Level can be submitted from the County Board to the State Board by January 15, 2021. Remember to send in an electronic format.
18. If there is no County structure in your State, the winning entries will be submitted to the State by January 15, 2021. Remember to send in an electronic format.
19. A total of 7 essays per Level for each State can be submitted to the National Irish Historian by February 15, 2021. Remember to send in an electronic format.
20. Judging on the National Level will start on February 16, 2021. Awards for both Levels will be First and Second. Any entries received after February 15, 2021 will be disqualified.
21. Winners will be announced on March 30, 2021.