

Irish History Contest Rules & Guidelines

Paper Length Rules & Guidelines:

LEVEL 1 Not less than 500 words or more than 1,000 words

LEVEL 2 Not less than 750 words or more than 1,500 words

1. Acknowledge all resources used.
2. Plagiarism involves two kinds of wrongs. Using another person's ideas, information or expressions without acknowledging that person's work constitutes intellectual theft. Passing off another person's ideas, information or expressions as your own to get a better grade, or gain some advantage, constitutes fraud.
3. The paper is to use double line spacing throughout, including the title page, the body of the paper, quotations, and sources used on the page.
4. The paper is to be completed using Microsoft Word.
5. The letter font of Times Roman 12 point is to be used.
6. References used are to be acknowledged.
7. Sources used are to be listed on a separate page, after the body of the paper.
8. A Title Page is to be provided, using double line spacing and must provide the **Student's Name, Address** (home, school or parish) **City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, School Name, Grade Level** and **number of words in paper** (exclusive of the Works Cited/References section).
9. Page numbers are to be placed in the upper right-hand corner at one-half (1/2) inch from the top right margin; the student's name should **not** appear in front of the page number.
10. Page numbers should be consecutive beginning with the first page of the body of the paper through the Works Cited/References section of the paper.
11. Running Heads are not to be used.
12. Drawings, maps, charts, pictures, etc. are not to be included in the title page or the body of the paper.
13. Wikipedia is NOT to be used as a reference in this contest.
14. Any paper support documentation must follow the format from the Paper entries and sent electronically in a PDF format.

PowerPoint Entry Rules & Guidelines:

1. PowerPoint must contain no more than 500 words. Text that you write, including captions, and words in footnotes/endnotes/internal documentation other than the citation.
2. Quotes from any sources, whether primary or secondary each word or number in the text of the PowerPoint counts as one word.
3. Title should include the student's name, address (either school, home or parish), city, state and zip code, school name, grade level.
4. Citations are used to credit the sources of specific ideas as well as direct quotations. You must use footnotes, endnotes, or internal documentation for your citations within your PowerPoint.
5. If relevant images, maps, graphs, or primary source materials are included, they must be placed in appendices, referenced in the text of the PowerPoint.
6. Wikipedia is NOT to be used as a reference in this contest.
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Documentary/Film Rules & Guidelines:

1. Title should include the student's name, address (either school, home or parish), city, state and zip code, school name, grade level.
2. Documentary is not to exceed ten-minutes.
3. Only you can write and narrate your documentary.
4. You may use professional photographs, film, recorded music in your documentary.
5. The last portion of your documentary must list acknowledgments and credits of sources or moving footage, music and/or images that appear in the documentary.
6. The source credits must be brief, readable, and included in the ten-minute time limit
7. Wikipedia is NOT to be used as a reference in this contest.
8. Any paper support documentation must follow the format from the Paper entries and sent electronically in a PDF format.

Website Rules & Guidelines:

1. Website entries may contain no more than 1,200 visible words that you write.
2. Home (Title) page, Your name, entry Title, Level, Number of visible composed words in the website.
3. You must note on Title Page the total length of website.
4. The main menu directs viewers to various sections on the site.
5. The website may contain multimedia clips that total no more than three minutes in total.
6. If you use any form of multimedia that requires software to view you must provide on the same page a link to a website where the software is available as a free, secure, and legal download.
7. You may not use content that is hosted on an external website or link to external websites, other than described in the preceding bullet.
8. All quotes and visual sources must be credited on the website and cited in the bibliography.
9. Source credits do not count toward total word total.
10. All navigational structure of the website must function.
11. Wikipedia is NOT to be used as a reference in this contest.
12. Any paper support documentation must follow the format from the Paper entries and sent electronically in a PDF format.

2020-2021 National LAOH Irish History Contest Judging Criteria:

Each entry will be evaluated in these categories with a maximum number of points allocated for each category:

Comprehension-30 points

Creativity-20 points

Organization-20 points

Writing-15 points

Conclusion-15 points

Please refer to the Judging Criteria sheet for assistance in learning how the judges will evaluate the entry. The suggested questions are not limiting criteria for the judges, but rather they are provided to assist the judges with minimum criteria to use when evaluating the student's entry. The student's title page will be removed, and the entry will be assigned a number prior to be given to the judges so as to have all entries evaluated without prejudice. All entries submitted to the judges are to be evaluated without any markings. Papers will be disqualified if there are markings. The Irish Historian at each level will determine the minimum score to be achieved for the paper to be forwarded to the next level within the LAOH.