

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc



Irish History Contest **Student Rules** TOPIC 2021-2022 – Level 1 and Level 2

On the 40th Anniversary of the Irish Hunger Strike 1981: What was the impact on Irish History?

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. sponsors a National Irish History Contest for students Grades 6 through 12. The contest is comprised of **two levels**: Level 1 is for students in Grades 6, 7, or 8 and Level 2 is for students in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Any students enrolled in parochial, private, public schools or who are home schooled are eligible to participate. You do not have to be Irish. *Each Student through her/his participation gives permission to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. to share her/his submitted entry with the LAOH membership at meetings, events, and/or shared on the LAOH website. We will not publicly post any personal information (address, tel. nbr.) of the student. The winning entry will include the student's name, state, school, and our local LAOH Division.*

GENERAL RULES: for ALL formats

- **FORMATS**- Your entry may be in a written (word) format, a PowerPoint Presentation, or Documentary film. All entries must include correct historical facts; all references and quotations in the body of the entry are to be acknowledged. SEE BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL FORMAT DETAILS/RULES.

- **WORKS CITED/RESOURCES** - Details of all references, quotes, and resources used in the body should also be cited on a separate page, after the body of the entry.

- **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.

LEVEL 1 - (Grades 6-8) Not less than five hundred words and not more than 1,000 words.

LEVEL 2 – (Grades 9-12) Not less than 750 words and not more than 1,500 words.

- **FORMAT**: The written word is to be completed using **Microsoft Word**; letter font 12 point and Times Roman Numeral.

- **SPACING**: The paper is to be double spaced throughout including title page, body of the paper, and works cited.

- **TITLE PAGE**: a separate title page/frame using double line spacing and must include the Student's Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, School Name, Grade Level, and number of words in paper (do not count the words in the Works Cited/References section). **The student's name or school should not appear on any other page/frame of the entry.** We do a **blind judging**, having identifying information on any page other than the Title Page will result in disqualification. Drawings, maps, charts, pictures, etc. are not to be included in the title page.

- **PAGE NUMBERS**: are to be placed in the upper right-hand corner. Page numbers should be consecutive beginning with the TITLE PAGE of the paper and throughout the Works Cited/References section of the paper.

- **HEADERS:** Running Heads or page headers are not to be used.

JUDGING: All entries will be judged in the following categories - Each entry will be evaluated, for up to a total of 100 points, using the following categories:

Comprehension (1-35 points) – Knowledge of topic with evidence of support from chosen references. The project demonstrates ability to grasp wider implications of topic.

Writing (1-20 points) - Presentation is free of distracting spelling and punctuation errors. Effective sentence structure and transitions are present.

Organization (1-15 points) – Piece has obvious beginning, middle and cumulative ending. All expressions are clear and effective.

Conclusion (1-15 points) – All material presented is chronological and clear. The material leads to a sound ending and answers the topic question.

Creativity (1-15 points) – The approach to the project shows original thought and presentation.

- **Submissions:** All student submissions are to be submitted electronically by November 15th of each year.

Entries should be sent to the LAOH local Division Historian (enter Officer's name)

email address: _____, Any questions please call _____.

- **RESOURCES:** Wikipedia is NOT to be used as a reference in this contest. Below is a list of some suggested resources. You may use any authoritative source as long as you reference/cite your work. *Additional resources can be found on our national website www.LadiesAOH.com*

SUGGESTIONS:

Entries may be an essay, creative writing such as a poem, song, an interview with a historic figure etc. as long as you meet the above requirements and your facts are correct and they are acknowledged and cited.

Do not just list details of the hunger strikers discuss what was the impact of the Hunger Strike on Irish History. Did the Hunger Strike lead to any changes in Ireland? Did the Hunger Strike lead to people changing their mind on how things were run in Ireland? 40 years later do people still remember the Hunger Strikes/Strikers? Why? The hunger strikers that survived, have they made a difference in Ireland? Did the Hunger Strike make any political change in Ireland? Did the Hunger Strike lead to any lasting change in Ireland? As the decades pass have people changed their view of the Hunger Strikes/ Strikers?

- Student Entry Rules For PowerPoint

- **PowerPoint** must contain no more than the prescribe number of words listed above; text that you write, including captions, talking points, quotations, and words in footnotes/endnotes/internal documentation. (do not count words in the Works Cited/References section).

- **Talking points** may be included in the body of the PP frame (page) or in the notes section on the bottom of each PP frame (page).

- **References and quotations** used are to be acknowledged in the body (or notes section) of the entry.

- **Works Cited/Sources** - Details of all references, quotes, and resources used are to be cited on a separate page, after the body of the PowerPoint presentation.

- **First PP Frame** will be your **Title Page:** a separate front page using double line spacing and must include the Student's Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, School Name, Grade Level, and number of words in paper (do not count the Works Cited/References section). **The student's name or school should not appear on any other page of the entry.** We do a blind judging, having identifying information on any page other than the Title Page will result in disqualification.

- **Page numbers:** are to be placed in the upper right-hand corner. Page numbers should be consecutive beginning with the title page of the paper throughout the Works Cited/References section of the paper.
 - **Headers:** Running Heads or page headers are not to be used.
 - **Submissions:** All student entries are to be submitted electronically by November 15, 2021. Entries should be sent to the LAOH local Division Historian (enter Officer's name)
email address: _____, Any questions please call _____.
 - **References:** Wikipedia is NOT to be used as a reference in this contest. Below is a list of some suggested sources. You may use any authoritative source as long as you reference/cite your work.
 - If relevant images, maps, graphs, or primary source materials are included, they must be placed in appendices, referenced in the text of the PowerPoint.
 - **Support submissions:** Any paper support documentation must follow the format from the Paper entries and sent electronically in a **Word** format.
- PP Body Frames:** include your information in the PP frames and put your references in a separate WORD document or it in the 'notes' section at bottom of each PP frame (page).

Documentary/Film Student Entry Rules:

- **Creating a documentary** is different from other categories because of the technology, equipment, and software necessary. it is up to the student to acquire the software and equipment to create a documentary film.
- **Title Frame** should include the student's name, address (either school, home, or parish), city, state and zip code, school name, grade level. This information should not appear in any other part of the film.
- **Time: Documentary is not to exceed ten-minutes.**
- **Creator:** Only you can write and narrate your documentary.
- **Contents:** You may use professional photographs, film, recorded music in your documentary. You must have permission to use them.
- **Acknowledgements:** 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.
- **Credits:** The source credits must be brief, readable, and included in the ten-minute time limit.
- **Resources:** Wikipedia is NOT to be used as a reference in this contest. See list of possible resources.
- **Paper Support:** Paper support documentation must **follow the same format from the Paper entries** and sent electronically in a WORD format. **All documentary films must include a supporting paper following the above written paper guidelines for each Level.**

Authorization: request prior written authorization for any copyrighted material.

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