



The San Jacinto Dispatch

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Essay Contest for 4th and 7th Grade Texas History Students

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Essay Contest Rules

The most important aspect of the essay should be historical accuracy.
The essay should be original, interesting and well organized.
Spelling, punctuation, grammar and neatness are considered in judging.

Attach and Submit essays online by February 1, 2024 to: DRTSJCEssay@gmail.com

Or mail to: *The DRT Pioneer Log House, attn Patti Randolph
1510 Cambridge, Houston, 77030-1732*

Be sure to include your name, your history teacher's name, grade, and school, or contact info.

Fourth Grade Essay Contest topic:

Collin McKinney

- Write an essay about Collin McKinney, the oldest signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.
- The essay should cover his life and contributions he made to Texas.
- Typed essays are to be double-spaced, using "Times New Roman" font, size 12.
- The essay can be no less than 1½ pages.
- Hand written essays are to be on ruled, 8½" by 11" paper.
- Fourth grade essay word count should be between 500 and 525 words
- Four references need to be listed – no more than two (2) may be internet references.

Seventh Grade Essay Contest topic:

The Canary Islanders and Their Impact on the Republic of Texas

- Cover the challenges they faced as they settled San Antonio.
- Typed essays are to be double-spaced using "Times New Roman" font, size 12.
- The essay can be no less than 2 ½ pages.
- Four references need to be listed – no more than two (2) may be internet references.

Awards

The winners will be honored with \$100 by the San Jacinto DRT Chapter at an award reception at the DRT Pioneer Memorial Log House on May 5, 2024. The winning essays are then submitted to the district level for a chance to win \$50 and, at the state level, \$500 each will go to the winning Fourth and Seventh grade essays.