



JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

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WOMEN IN HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE

Contest Rules

Theme is "Women Making A Difference"

Contest is open to All Montgomery County Public School Junior
High/Middle school students in Montgomery, Alabama

Complete Contest Rules are attached to this announcement.

Deadline for spring submissions is
Friday, February 25, 2011.

Submit essays to Tracey Harris
Vice President, Montala ABWA Chapter

Submit Entry Form with essay.

Winners will be notified by Friday,
March 11, 2011.

FIRST PRIZE - \$100 Books-A-Million Gift Card
(Sponsored by: **Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc.**)

1st Prize winner's English teacher receives a \$200 supply donation

SECOND PRIZE - \$75 Books-A-Million Gift Card
(Sponsored by: **Century 21 Southern Star**)

THIRD PRIZE - \$50 Books-A-Million Gift Card
(Sponsored by: **T & C Consulting**)

Montala Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Celebrates
"Women In History" month

PLEASE ANNOUNCE & DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR STUDENTS.
THANK YOU!



STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST
“Women Making A Difference” - Entry Form

Student Name _____

English Teacher's Name _____

Name of School _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Alternate Phone number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please Note: A Reception will be held to announce the winners and award the prizes on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5:30p.m. at The Capital City Club. Contest winners will be notified by Friday, March 11, 2011 and must plan to attend.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. The Essay must be original work, and must represent your own thoughts and ideas.
2. This year's theme is “Women Making A Difference.” March has been designated as Women In History Month to ensure that information about the many ways that women have contributed to today's society in business, life, home, etc. is a part of our national education.
3. The length of the Essay should be approximately 500 words.
4. The Essay must be submitted on or before **Friday, February 25, 2011.**
5. The Essay, along with the Entry Form above, can be submitted by **hard copy** to:

Tracey Harris
Vice President, Montala Chapter
1424 Charleton Drive
Montgomery, Al 36116

All questions should be sent to me via e-mail at Tracey0916@gmail.com. Please **download** the Entry Form, which must accompany your essay, at www.montalabwa.org.

6. Please follow the formatting guidelines:
 - a. 1 ½” margin at top of page; 1” margins at sides and bottom
 - B. double space
 - C. use only one side of the page
 - D. put your name at the top of each page
 - E. place number at the bottom of each page
 - f. When submitting hard copy, staple or clip the pages together
7. If you have questions or need more information, call **Kimberly Cyr** at 334-273-4653 or **Tracey Harris** at 334-221-6787.
8. See next page for specific Guidelines on writing the essay.

Women In History Month Student Essay Contest 2011

Worldwide, communities have made strides to attain equality between the sexes. However, some inequalities still exist and these inequalities are apparent in many facets of our lives from the board room to the home. Growing out of a small-town school event in California, Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The United States observes it annually throughout the month of March.

Your essay should answer the following:

- Choose a woman in history that made a difference in humanity, the arts, or the sciences.
- What were her accomplishments, her obstacles or struggles to make a difference
- How do her efforts affect humanity today?
- What is her Mantra?
- What can you as a student learn from this person?

Suggestions and Resources for Writing the Essay

1. Craft a thesis in which you share your thoughts for selecting this person and the reasons why she has made a difference.
2. End with a conclusion that reinforces your thesis.
3. Add a Works Cited page or Bibliography.
4. Write clearly and in active voice. Have someone look over your draft. Eliminate grammatical errors; make sure sentences are clear, coherent, and concise.