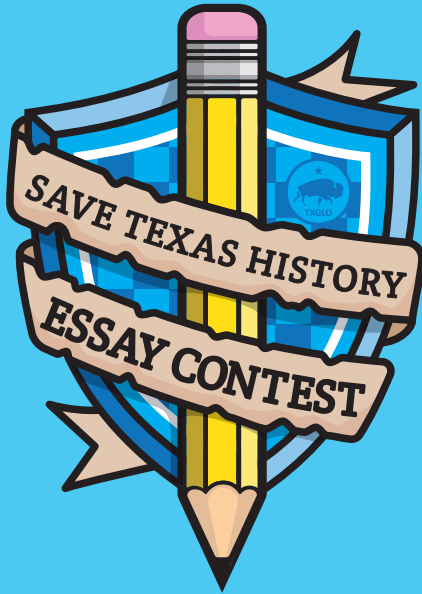


Essay question: “What history in your community is worth saving?”

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All entries must be received by midnight, December 6, 2019



ELIGIBILITY:

All public, private and home-schooled students of appropriate age for fourth and seventh grades may participate.

GUIDELINES:

The student should address the question, "What history in your community is worth saving?" The student's name should not appear on any portion of the essay. The submission should be stapled to the signed contest entry form. Electronic and paper submissions are acceptable.



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What history in your community is worth saving?

Each of us can point to something in our neighborhood, town, or city that's worth saving, whether it's a building, a business, an organization, a public space, or a cultural event. Every community in Texas is unique and has its own history, including yours!

INCLUDE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AUTHORS, PUBLICATION TITLES AND DATES FOR ALL SOURCES USED. FOR ONLINE SOURCES, LIST THE FULL URL OF EACH PAGE USED.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Creativity: Is the story told in a compelling way? **40%**
Informative: Is the essay factual and interesting? **30%**
Grammar/ Spelling **15%**
Organization/ Neatness **15%**

EVALUATION:

Essays will be evaluated by experienced educators and graded based on 4th and 7th grade skill and knowledge levels.

4TH GRADE

- 400 - 500 Words
- Typed or handwritten in essay format
- Include original title
- Bibliography as separate page required

7TH GRADE

- 750 - 1,000 Words
- Typed **ONLY**, in essay format
- Include original title
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SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MAIL:

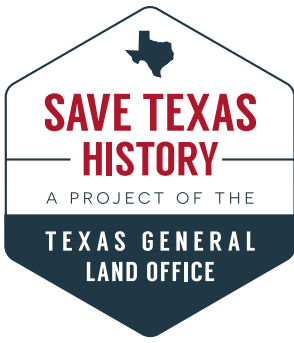
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Save Texas History Essay Contest

Entries must be received by December 6, 2019
Winner will be announced December 15, 2019

George P. Bush, Commissioner

Student Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

School Name _____

City _____ Zip _____

Teacher Name _____

Teacher Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

I, _____ (parent/guardian), give _____ (student) permission to enter his/her essay in the Save Texas History Essay Contest. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) or its agents may use the attached essay entry and my child's name and likeness for Save Texas History purposes including advertising, publicity and other media. Entries will be the property of the GLO and will not be returned. Entrants are encouraged to photocopy their submissions and to call 512.463.5277 to verify receipt by the GLO. I understand that certain winners may be invited to attend Save Texas History events. Participation in such events is voluntary and travel expenses will not be reimbursed if the winner or finalists choose to attend. Damaged, lost, or late entries are not eligible. Household family members of GLO employees are not eligible. The parent or guardian of the winner is solely responsible for all taxes on prizes and must meet eligibility requirements as determined by the contributors. This contest is void where prohibited.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Checklist: _____ Entry Form _____ Completed Essay

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