



George P. Bush, Commissioner

What Texas history is worth saving and why?

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, an event or a culture. Every community in Texas is unique and has its own history, including yours!

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SUBMIT ENTRIES

By Mail:

Texas General Land Office
Attn: Buck Cole / STH Essay Contest
PO Box 12873
Austin, TX 78711-2873

Electronically (PDF FORMAT ONLY):

essaycontest@glo.texas.gov

Save Texas History Essay Contest

Entries must be received by **October 31**

Winners will be announced December 1

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, or in Texas, 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.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN ANSWERING:

- ★ What history is worth saving in your community or in Texas?
- ★ What makes history worth saving?
- ★ Why is it important to save our history?
- ★ How might citizens save their history?

Include 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: Are the facts useful and interesting? - 30%
- ★ Grammar / Spelling - 15%
- ★ Organization / Neatness - 15%

4TH GRADE

200-300 Words

Typed or handwritten in essay format

Include original title

Bibliography as separate page required

7TH GRADE

500-800 Words

Typed only, in essay format

Include original title

Bibliography as separate page required

EVALUATION:

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

PRIZES:

One grand prize winner from each grade level will receive a complimentary three-day car rental from National Car Rental, as well as several prizes from the San Antonio Tourism Council, including a three-day (two-night stay) in San Antonio, tickets to Six Flags Fiesta Texas, Natural Bridge Caverns, the San Antonio Zoo and other area attractions. Ten finalists from each grade level will receive Save Texas History backpacks, a certificate of appreciation signed by Land Commissioner George P. Bush and a historic map replica from the General Land Office Archives and Records.



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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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In Person: 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701

Checklist: _____ Entry Form _____ Completed Essay _____ Acknowledgments Page

Questions?