



PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION

6TH – 8TH GRADE

ESSAY CONTEST



“WHAT DOES THE AMERICAN FLAG REPRESENT.”

1. This year's Essay Contest topic/title is: ***“What does the American Flag Represent.”***
2. Any student enrolled in grades 6 through 8 in a public, private or parochial school or who is home schooled in Pennsylvania is eligible to participate.
3. All essays **MUST** have a cover page containing the following information:
 - Essay topic/title
 - Name, address, telephone, & email address (if applicable) of contestant.
 - Sponsoring American Legion Post number, name & location.
 - Parent or guardian name.
4. The topic/title **MUST** appear on page one (1) of the essay, as well as the cover page.
5. ALL essays **MUST** be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words.
6. Typewritten essays are preferred but not required.
7. Essays shall be judged on the following:
 - Proper English structure.
 - Accuracy.
 - Extent of information
 - Originality - *Any material not original must be cited in a bibliography for the information of the judges, stating publication, volume, page, date, publisher and author.*
8. Students **MUST** certify that essays are prepared without assistance other than that provided for all members of their class. Certification not provided will result in disqualification.
9. The PA essay program, as any program conducted by The American Legion, is designed to provide balanced judging. It is suggested that at least three (3) qualified judges be used.
10. The **“local school”** must determine its own winner(s) and submit the winning essay(s) to the sponsoring or American Legion Post(s) immediately for judging.
11. The local post shall determine when the contest will be held and types of awards to be presented.
12. Question on this Essay Contest can be directed to the Chairman.

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