



## **Barrington 220 Students Invited to Enter American History Essay Contest**

Are you a student enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade? If so, you are invited to enter the 2020-2021 American History Essay Contest sponsored annually by the Barrington, IL-based Signal Hill Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

The contest reflects the organization's values of historic preservation, education, and patriotism by inviting students to think and write creatively about historic U.S. events, specifically those related to the American Revolution.

This year's essay topic is "The Boston Massacre." The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event was commemorated in March 2020. Young writers are asked to imagine living in Boston in 1770, discussing this historic event with family members, and describing what role it would play in organizing American Colonists against the British King and Parliament. Depending on the student's age group, essays may be 300 to 1,000 words.

Judging is based on historical accuracy, adherence to the topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, neatness, and that the submission is the student's own work.

One essay at each grade level will be selected as the Signal Hill Chapter winner. All winners will be recognized at a "DAR Youth Awards" event hosted by the Signal Hill Chapter in early 2021. Winners go forward in competition with the potential for a national award.

Essays must be submitted by **Monday, November 30, 2020**.

For more information about the essay contest, please contact Lisa Davis at (708)702-2406 or via email: [signalhillhistorian@outlook.com](mailto:signalhillhistorian@outlook.com).

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