



2017 ESSAY CONTEST

RANCHING HERITAGE

CALL FOR ESSAYS, GRADES 4-12



Call for original essays exploring and analyzing the Texas Ranching Heritage: Past, Present, and Future. Consider how ranching has made Texas well-known internationally for its ranching heritage. Probe the broad historical evidence for factual data to support your theme. Consider a unique aspect of Texas ranching that appeals to you.

Topic suggestions provided but you may select your own topic about Texas Ranching Heritage:

- Research legendary cattle fiefdoms and cattle drives with their impact on Texas culture.
- Compare ranching today with ranching in the past. Note similarities and differences.
- Explore a well-known ranch, i.e., King Ranch, and relate its impact socially, economically, and culturally.
- What forces, i.e., social, economic, and cultural, threaten the cowboy way of life?
- Discuss the cowboy way of life and/or activities historically or today.
- How have ranching heritage traditions thrived? Ex: Rodeos (founded in Pecos, TX); County Fairs; livestock shows; 4-H Clubs; high school agricultural shows; FFA Clubs.
- Research the literature of famous Texas Western writers, such as J. Frank Dobie, known as “the Southwest’s master storyteller” i.e., Tales of Old-Time Texas.
- Visit Texas museums of Western Heritage: Ft. Worth: National Cowgirl Museum; Amon Carter Museum and Sid Richardson Art Museum; Kerrville; Museum of Western Art.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Family members of employees of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum are not eligible.
- Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and will disqualify an entry. If you have concerns about copyright issues, please contact the education department.
- Students in grades K-12 throughout Texas Education Service Center Region 6 are invited to participate. The 15 counties are Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker and Washington.
- All students and parents/guardians must sign a permission slip granting use of entry. The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum retains the right to use selected entries in publications, for exhibits or other purposes.
- Submission information: Five entries per homeroom teacher per campus may be submitted

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE: bush41.org

DELIVERY DATES: Wed., Mar.1 and Thurs., Mar.2, 2017, 2-7 p.m. (refreshments provided)
at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

-OR-

MAIL ENTRIES (last postmark Mar.2): George Bush Presidential Library and Museum,
ATTN: Education Dept.
1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, TX 77845

For more info, contact Dr. Shirley Hammond at 979.691.4013, email bush.education@nara.gov, or visit Bush41.org.

ENTRIES

- Format: Typed, double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial; 1" margins; bibliography of all sources on attached page
- Length Requirements: grades 9-12:3-4 full pages, grades 6-8:2-3 full pages, grades 4 and 5:1-2 full pages
- Five entries per homeroom teacher per campus may be submitted.
- First page: Student's name, grade, teacher, school in upper right corner
- Additional pages: student's name and page number upper right corner

JURORS

Warren Finch, Director,
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AWARDS

- (4) First place, grades 9-12: \$100
 - (4) First place, grades 6-8: \$75
 - (4) First place, grades 4 and 5: \$50
- First, second, third place and honorable mention trophies for each grade category

High school essay contest entrants will be entered in the 2017 Young Spurs Writing Contest (Learn more at <http://www.themayborn.com/young-spurs-writing-contest>) Meet authors and hone your writing abilities if selected. Please indicate your interest in this opportunity: ____ YES ____ NO (If no, then your essay will not be entered in the Young Spurs;)

AWARDS CEREMONY

- The Awards Ceremony for the Art and Essay Contests will be Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 4:15 p.m. in the Annenberg Presidential Library Conference Center's Frymire Auditorium followed by a reception.
- The 2017 Outstanding Educator Awards will be presented with appreciation for consistently supporting the enrichment and creativity of students through outstanding dedication, inspiration and encouragement above and beyond the classroom.
- THIS CONTEST IS FUNDED BY THE GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION WITH TROPHIES PROVIDED BY AWARDS & MORE OF BRYAN
- All students and parents/guardians must sign and date the permission slip below. Please attach a copy of the permission slip to the back of the entry and give the Bush Library and Museum the signed original as well.

PERMISSION SLIP

I hereby agree to:

1. Submit my original work to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum for critiquing and judging;
2. Permit the Bush Library and Museum to display, reproduce or otherwise use my original work for any purpose;
3. Grant permission to the Bush Library and Museum to list the student's name, grade, school and I.S.D. for all future activities using this work; and
4. Grant and convey title and copyright of my work to the Bush Library and Museum, as required.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Name (Please Print) _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Title of Entry _____

Teacher _____ Phone _____

Email _____

School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____