

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
AMERICAN HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST 2021-2022

- Topic:** November 11, 2021, marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Imagine that you had a brother who lost his life on the battlefields of France during World War I. You and your family attended the November 11, 1921, dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. Describe what this meant to you and your family. Why is it important to remember those who gave their lives to serve our nation?
- Participants:** All grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 students in a public, private, or parochial school, or those who are home schoolers, are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. Do NOT submit a student photograph with entry.
- Length:** **Grade 5: 300-600 words** **Grades 6, 7, and 8: 600 – 1,000 words**
- Form:** Essay is to be typed, prepared on a computer using black type in a non-script font no smaller than 12 point or larger than 14 point, or hand-written in black ink. A limited vision student may use Braille, a tape recorder, or very large type. A written transcript must be included, as well as a teacher's or physician's letter attesting to the special need. The entire essay must be each student's original work. This includes all research, writing and editing, which must be done by the student themselves and not by a parent, teacher, tutor or other helper. Essays not following these guidelines will be disqualified.
- Title Page:** Each essay must have a title page with the following:
Title of essay: **"The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"**
A subtitle is permitted if written below the title.
Contestant's full name and full address. If the school's regulations prohibit providing the student contact information, the school's information may be substituted.
Contestant's phone number, with area code, and email address if available
Name of contestant's school and grade level
Name of sponsoring DAR chapter – Ponte Vedra Chapter
Number of words in essay
- Bibliography:** Essay must have a bibliography listing all references utilized. Internet resources, if used, should be cited in similar format to that used for printed resources. Add the electronic address used to access the document as supplementary information. Any essay with information copied directly from sources without using quotes will be disqualified.
- Judging and Awards:** Essays will be assessed for **historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, neatness, and that it is the student's own work.** Pictures, graphs, maps, drawings and other such additions will not be considered and should not be included.
Chapter Level: One essay at each grade level from the Ponte Vedra Chapter's designated local schools will be selected as the chapter winner and forwarded to the state Chair for further consideration. American History chapter winner certificates, a bronze medal, and a small cash prize will be awarded on February 1, 2022, during the DAR luncheon at Marsh Landing Country Club (provided no extenuating circumstances interfere, such as CDC guidelines).
State: One essay at each grade level will be selected as the state winner and forwarded to the national division vice-chair. Division winners receive a certificate and a book.
National: One essay in each grade will be selected as the national winner. A certificate, gold pin and monetary award will be presented in Washington, D.C. in June 2022. Winning essays may appear in official DAR communications. **All essays must first be submitted to a local chapter.**
- Deadline:** **Essays will be picked up from the front office of each school no later than Wednesday November 17th at 2:00 p.m.**