

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
American History Essay Contest
(Grades 5-8)
Judge's Scoring Sheet

Student's Name: _____ *Total Score: 0

School: _____ Town/State: _____ Grade level: _____

	1	2	3	4	Score
<u>Essay Submission:</u> Consider: Title Page is complete and formatting is correct. Does not exceed word count: 300-600 (5th), 600-1000 (6th-8th)	Title page is not complete; essay exceeds or is below word count; formatting is not correct.	Title page is complete; but word count and/or formatting is not completed according to directions.	Word count is correct; but title page and/or formatting is not completed according to directions.	Submission is complete; title page is complete; essay has required word count; formatting is correct.	_____/4
<u>Historical Accuracy:</u> Consider: Essay meets standards of historical accuracy. 2X Points	Essay does not contain correct historical information (1-2pts)	Essay contains generally relevant and correct historical information (3-4pts)	Essay contains relevant and correct historical information (5-6pts)	Essay contains extensive correct historical information (7-8pts)	_____/8
<u>Adherence to Topic:</u> Consider: Writer demonstrates a clear understanding of question and responds with details. 2X Points	Little or no facts, concrete details, or examples included (1-2pts)	Attempts to develop subject with facts and examples, but lacks concrete details (3-4pts)	Develops subject with facts, concrete details, quotations and examples (5-6pts)	Thoroughly develops subject with relevant facts, concrete details, quotations and examples (7-8pts)	_____/8
<u>Organization of Essay:</u> Consider: Organization of essay	No organization: lacks beg/mid/end	Some organization: attempt at a beg/mid/end	Organized: beg/mid/end	Strong organization beg/mid/end	_____/4
<u>Interest:</u> Consider: Originality, word choice, voice, holds the reader's interest. 2X Points	Limited vocabulary that does not communicate strongly or capture the reader's interest (1-2 pts)	Words communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety (3-4 pts)	Vivid words and phrases draw pictures in the reader's mind, but occasionally words are used inaccurately (5-6 pts)	Vivid words and phrases that draw pictures in the reader's mind, and the choice and placement of the words seem accurate and natural (7-8 pts)	_____/8
<u>Mechanics:</u> Spelling and Grammar	More than four (4) errors in spelling and/or grammar	Three (3) misspellings and/or grammatical errors	Two (2) or fewer misspellings and/or grammatical errors	No misspelling or grammatical errors	_____/4
<u>Resources:</u> Consider: Author, Title, Primary or Secondary, and/or Website address	Zero to one source listed (0-1pt)	Two sources	Three sources, including one primary source	Four or more sources, including both primary and secondary sources	_____/4

Comments:

Judge's signature: _____ Email _____

* Note: The highest score an applicant can attain is 40.