

**Grand Prairie Historical Society  
Essay Contest**

TOPIC:	Any topic related to the history of the Grand Prairie region of Arkansas
PARTICIPANTS:	Any student, ages 15 -18. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex or national origin. DO NOT SUBMIT A STUDENT PHOTOGRAPH WITH ENTRY.
LENGTH:	Minimum of 800 words, no maximum limit.
FORM:	<p>Essay must be typed or prepared on a computer, using black type in a non-script font no smaller than 12 point or larger than 14 point. The essay must be the student's original work. This includes all research, writing and editing, which must be done by the student and not by a parent, teacher or other helper. Each essay must have a title page listing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Title of Essay</li> <li>Subtitle may be included</li> <li>Contestant's full name and address (school address may be used)</li> <li>Contestant's phone number and email address</li> <li>Name of contestant's school and grade level</li> </ul>
BIBLIOGRAPHY:	<p>Essay must include a bibliography listing all references utilized. The bibliography should be cited in a standard, recognized citation style. Internet resources, if used, should be cited in the same style, including the electronic address used to access the document as supplementary information. Students are encouraged to use primary sources and cite them. Any essay with information copied directly from sources without using quotes will be disqualified.</p>
JUDGING AND AWARD:	<p>Judging will be based on historical accuracy, bibliography/quality of references, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, neatness and evidence as student's own work. Inclusion of high resolution pictures, maps, drawings, graphics and other additions are encouraged but will not be considered in judging. The winning essay will be published in the <i>Grand Prairie Historical Bulletin</i> and the student will receive a \$250 prize and will be featured at our regular January meeting.</p>
SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE:	All essays should be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:grandprairiehistory@gmail.com">grandprairiehistory@gmail.com</a> no later than midnight February 28th each year.