

- Essays should be the result of student research into African-American history through books, newspaper articles, oral histories taken by the students themselves, and other primary source materials. *Please include a bibliography. No essay should include more than two online sources.*
- Essay should be limited to 500 words.
- Essay should be submitted with an official entry form cover sheet, see reverse. *Do not write the student's name, or school's name on the essay.*
- Essays must be received at the Georgia Historical Society, 501 Whitaker Street, Savannah, Georgia, 31401, by 5:00 p.m. on *Thursday, January 22, 2009*. Entries may be hand-delivered or mailed, but *must be received by the deadline*. Please note that *late entries will not be accepted*.
- Essays will be judged by a panel of qualified judges chosen by the contest sponsors. The judges' decisions are final.
- The top essays in each category will be announced on Friday, January 30, 2009.
- The authors of these essays will be invited to present their essays at a public reception at the Georgia Historical Society at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2009, before a panel of judges who will determine the three winning entrants.

Teachers are invited to contact Charlie Snyder at the Georgia Historical Society (651-2125 x.40) for more information or to request additional entry forms. The entry form sent with this announcement may be duplicated as needed.

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Black History Month Essay and Public Speaking Contest

Savannah in the Civil Rights Movement

These 500-word essays should focus on either a single personality associated with the movement in Savannah, or a specific aspect of the movement such as student involvement, school integration, or the role of local churches. Students are encouraged to visit the Frederick Baldwin photography exhibit "Freedom's March" on display at the Jepson Center for the Arts September 24, 2008 - January 4, 2009 for inspiration in creating these historical essays.

Contest is open to students in grades 6-12 (separate categories for middle and high school students).

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Entry Form

Please do not place any identifying information, other than a title, on the essay itself. Fill out this form completely and attach it to the front of the essay. Essays must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Georgia Historical Society, 501 Whitaker Street, Savannah, Georgia, 31401. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2009. Please note that this is not a post mark deadline.

Student's Name: _____

Grade Level (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12): _____

School's Name: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ School's Telephone: _____

Teacher's Full Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Full Name(s): _____

Title of Entry: _____

Please use signatures in the spaces below:

This entry is my own original work and represents my best writing efforts.

Signature of Student

This entry is the original work of the student whose name appears at the top of this form, and I am this student's parent or legal guardian.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

I am familiar with this student's writing. I have read this entry and am satisfied that it is his or her original work and represents his or her best writing efforts.

Signature of Teacher