

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

UDC HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST

Please print or type the information below.

1. FICTITIOUS NAME: _____
2. STUDENT'S NAME: _____
3. AGE: _____ 4. GRADE: _____
5. PARENTS' NAMES: _____
6. MAILING ADDRESS: _____

7. EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
8. PHONE NUMBER: _____
9. SCHOOL: _____
10. SCHOOL'S MAILING ADDRESS: _____

11. TEACHER'S NAME: _____
12. SPONSORING UDC CHAPTER: _____
13. CHAPTER CHAIRMAN: _____
14. MAILING ADDRESS: _____



WHAT IS THE UDC?

Officially organized September 10, 1894, the United Daughters of the Confederacy® is the oldest Southern Women's Patriotic Organization. Originally organized as a service organization to aid the Confederate soldiers and their families, today the UDC is much, much more. The UDC is an **historical, educational, benevolent, patriotic** and **memorial** organization. Our Chapters work at preserving history, especially that period of our Southern history that relates to the period from 1855 (when the first stirrings of political unrest were felt) to the present (when we are still affected by feelings engendered by the War). That makes us **historical**. We are **educational** when we support schools, projects, museums, and libraries, and when we award scholarships to students. We are **benevolent** in our contributions, projects and in the doing of special things for our Real Daughters and Granddaughters. We are **patriotic** when we present Crosses of Military Service to veterans, work on projects for VA hospitals, recognize Days of Observance, show respect for the American and Confederate flags, and demonstrate our genuine love for our nation. We are **memorial** when we preserve and mark graves and other artifacts of our ancestors who fought gallantly in a troubling war between the states of a Union - states bound by a Constitution, but not interpreting it the same way.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY® GEORGIA DIVISION



HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST



CONTEST RULES

1. Contest is open to all students in Georgia, 5th through 12th grades.
2. Essays must be at least:
 - 300 words for 5th grade
 - 400 words for 6th grade
 - 500 words for 7th grade
 - 600 words for 8th and 9th grades
 - 700 words for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades

There is no word limit as long as the writer has something enlightening to say. A scholarly approach is essential.

3. Resource title and page documentation is required for grades 8th through 12th. Students should use the form that is taught in their school.
4. A complete "Works Cited" page in standard bibliographical form must be given for each essay.
5. Essays may be written at home or elsewhere. Fifth grade students may use pencil. Other grades must use ink or computer.
6. Each essay must be hand signed with a fictitious name. Staple essay pages together. Use NO folder. The student's information sheet must be completed and placed in a sealed envelope. The fictitious name should be written on the outside of the envelope. Paperclip the envelope to the essay.
7. The teacher shall bundle all essays and leave them in the school office for the UDC representative to pick up. This will be done the first Monday in March.
8. Essays which do not follow the contest rules will be disqualified.

All essays become the property of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Essays will not be returned. It is very important that copies of the essay be made and retained by the students.

JUDGING

The Local UDC Chapter will select the best essay from each category and will award local prizes. The winning essay in each category will be sent by the chapter to their District Director no later than April 10th.

District Directors will have the local winners' essays judged and will award prizes to the District winners in each category. District Directors will send the District's winning essays to the Division Essay Chairman by May 1st.

Chapters: Do not send your winning essays directly to the Division Essay Chairman. Winning essays must go to the District Director to be judged at the District level.

DIVISION PRIZES

There shall be one winner for each of the five categories:
1) 5th grade; 2) 6th grade; 3) 7th grade; 4) 8th or 9th grades; 5) 10th, 11th, or 12th grades.

Division Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

Category 1: 5th grade. \$50.00 Cash
Category 2: 6th grade. \$50.00 Cash
Category 3: 7th grade. \$50.00 Cash
Category 4: 8th or 9th grades. \$75.00 Cash
Category 5: 10th, 11th, or 12th grades. \$200.00

If the 12th grade winner plans to attend college, he/she will receive a Mildred Lewis Rutherford Scholarship to a college or university of the student's choice in the amount of \$400.00 instead of the \$200.00 cash.

2017-2018
SCHOOL YEAR

SUBJECT:
John S. Pemberton - The Inventor of Coca-Cola

Students may use books and authoritative website sources which include, but are not limited to, state and federate agency websites, historical society websites, and university websites.

Please do not use Wikipedia. It is not a primary source and has very weak quality control.