



Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter: Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

August 18, 2019

To: Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 History or Language Arts Teachers

From: Ashley Place
American History Chairman
Daughters of the American Revolution
Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter

Re: American History Essay Contest 2019-2020
Deadline: November 1, 2019
Awards for each grade level: \$50, Medal, Winning entries sent to be judged at state

Topic: 2020 marks the 400th Anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of the Plymouth Colony. Imagine you are one of the passengers on the Mayflower. Knowing what materials were available in 1620, what would you have packed to prepare for the trip and starting a new life in the wilderness? After experiencing more than two months at sea then finally landing at Plymouth Colony on November 9, 1620, do you think you would have made different choices and why?

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution annually sponsors the nationwide American History Essay Contest. The school information sheet with the rules and guidelines is enclosed. Late entries will be disqualified. Each year we have had many excellent entries; however, some have been disqualified due to not meeting the rubric. *Please pay special attention to length, form, bibliography, and title page.*

Please send entries to

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If you are unable to include this essay in your curriculum at this point in the school year, please encourage your students to enter individually. If you offer extra credit in your classroom, this essay could be offered as an option.

If you have any questions, please email me at ashley.d.place@gmail.com or call 251. 288.8178.

Regards,

Ashley Place
American History Chairperson