

HISTORY COMPETITIONS

History competitions are a great way to motivate and reward your students and raise the profile of History in your school community. There are strong links to the curriculum, and students can often use school assessments and projects as their entries.

If you have ever had the chance to attend an awards ceremony or travel with competition winners, you will know the profound impact the competitions have on their learning and their personal development. There are great travel and competition-judging opportunities for teachers too!

THE SIMPSON PRIZE



For Year levels: **9 and 10, nationwide**

Topic: **New topic question released each year**

Competition Format: **Online submissions**

Accepted entry modes: **Essay**

Deadline for entries: **Friday 6 November 2020**

Prizes: **One winner and one runner-up from each state and territory will attend a Canberra study tour. Winning students will travel to key battlefields overseas.**

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: **HTAA, Australian Government Department of Education**

Special Features: **National Competition**

Opportunities for HTAV members: **Teacher Chaperone positions available**

For more information: www.htav.asn.au/students/the-simpson-prize

Website: www.simpsonprize.org

HTAV HISTORICAL FICTION COMPETITION



For Year levels: **5-10; Victorian students or students of interstate/overseas school members of HTAV**

Topic: **A piece of engaging Historical Fiction, focus on both writing and historical accuracy**

Competition Format: **Online submissions**

Acceptable entry modes: **Short Story**

Deadline for entries: **Monday 3 August 2020, 5pm**

Prizes: **Winners will each receive a cash prize of \$150 and a certificate**

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: **HTAV, History Council of Victoria**

Special Features: **Competition categories are banded across two years**

Opportunities for HTAV members: **Competition judging**

For more information: www.htav.asn.au/students/htav-historical-fiction-competition



NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE



For Year levels: **F-12, nationwide**

Topic: 2020 Theme – **CONTESTED hiSTORIES**

Competition Format: **Submitted entries to a State Coordinator**

Acceptable entry modes: **Research essay, museum exhibit, multimedia, performance, website, ANY form of creative representation**

Application process: **Schools must register for a Welcome Kit prior to deadline**

Deadline for entries: **Friday 28 August 2020**

Prizes: **Cash prizes and a behind-the-scenes trip to Canberra to receive their award at Parliament House**

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: **HTAA, Australian Government, Department of Education and Training**

Special Features: **Individual or group entry (max. four students)**

Opportunities for HTAV members: **Competition judging**

For more information: www.htav.asn.au/students/national-history-challenge

Website: www.historychallenge.org.au

1-MINUTE FILM COMPETITION



For Year levels: **Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary school students**

Topic: 2020 Theme – **The Second World War and Your Community**

Competition Format: **Online submissions**

Acceptable entry modes: **Short film or animation**

Deadline for entries: **Friday 24 July 2020**

Prizes: **Prize packs for two primary school and two secondary school categories**

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: **Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM)**

For more information: www.htav.asn.au/students/1-minute-film-competition

Website: 1-minutefilmcompetition.org

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY COMPETITION



For Year levels: **7-10, nationwide**

Topic: **Two papers broadly based on the Australian Curriculum: Years 7-8, Years 9-10**

Acceptable entry modes: **Test format, multiple choice questions, tests history skills rather than prior content knowledge**

Deadline for entries: **Postponed until 2021; past papers will be available for free download online as an activity for your students. Visit the website below for more information.**

Prizes: **Cash Prizes**

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: **HTAA, Historicool Magazine**

For more information: www.htav.asn.au/students/australian-history-competition

Website: australianhistorycompetition.org.au