

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- 2018 Haitian Heritage Month Essay Contest
Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To encourage activities that support research and writing during Haitian Heritage Month.

The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences encourages all schools to establish academic enriching experiences that support research and writing during Haitian Heritage Month, May 2018.

2018 Haitian Heritage Month Essay Contest

- The Department of Social Sciences' Haitian Heritage Month Essay Contest for elementary and secondary prompts are listed below and details of the essay contest are as follows:
 - **Elementary Prompt #1: K-2-** *Look up Haiti on a map and explain to your reader where Haiti is located and if you would like to travel there some day.*
 - **Elementary Prompt #2: 3-5-** *Conduct research about the Haitian flag and explain to your reader the meaning of the colors and various symbols found in the flag as well as the flag's history.*
 - **Middle School Prompt: 6-8-** *Think about and research about the rich culture of Haiti and explain to your reader why it is important to celebrate Haitian culture during the month of May.*
 - **Senior High Prompt: 9-12-** *Research current issues facing Haitian immigrants living in the United States. Write to your reader to explain your findings and express your opinion about current public policies affecting Haitian immigrants.*
- **Schools must conduct their own evaluation of essays and can only submit the top 2 essays per grade band (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12).**
- Essays must be typed (12-point font), with a maximum length of 2 pages double spaced on white paper. The prompt must be typed on the cover sheet. The

cover sheet must also include the following:

- student's name,
- grade level,
- student ID number,
- email address,
- phone number (cell/home), and
- teacher and school contact information.
- Failure to follow these guidelines will result in disqualification.
- All entries will be evaluated in their entirety with consideration being given to the following four elements: focus, organization, support and conventions.
- Prizes for each of the grade bands above are as follows:
 - **1st place:** \$100 Gift Certificate
 - **2nd place:** \$75.00 Gift Certificate
 - **3rd place:** \$50.00 Gift Certificate.
- **Essays are due on or before Friday, May 18, 2018.** Please submit the essays either via fax to: 305 995-1492 or send to Ms. Alayne Zeto, Administrative Assistant, Department of Social Sciences, azeto@dadeschools.net.
- If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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