

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- 2019 Black History Essay Contest for Secondary Schools
Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences and the United Teachers of Dade are sponsoring the annual Black History Essay Contest for secondary students.

- The purpose of this contest is to enhance secondary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2019 Black History theme, "Black Migrations."
- **BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES**
 - The secondary categories are grades 6-8 and 9-12.
 - **BLACK HISTORY PROMPT:**
 - **Grades 6-8 Prompt:** *Research why African Americans have migrated at various points in U.S. History. Choose one specific time period, or migration period, and explain the causes and effects socially, politically, and economically of African American migration accordingly.*
 - **Grades 9-12 Prompt:** *Research why African Americans have migrated at various points in U.S. History and compare and/or contrast the causes of African American migration to current day migration trends in the United States.*
 - Essays must be typed, with a minimum length of 500 words, double spaced on white paper, and stapled on the upper left-hand corner. The prompt must be typed on the cover sheet. The cover sheet must also include the following:
 - Student's name;
 - Grade level;
 - Student's Email address;
 - Student's Phone number (cell/home);
 - Teacher's name, best contact phone number, email address; and
 - School name and phone number.
 - 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:**
- Separate first, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the middle school and senior high school categories as follows:
 - 1st place - \$200 U.S. Currency
 - 2nd place - \$100 U.S. Currency
 - 3rd place - \$50 U.S. Currency

- **NOTE:** Winners of the essay contest will be invited to attend the *Thirlee Smith 2nd Annual Black History Brain Bowl* that will be held at the Lyric Theatre on Thursday, February 28, 2019 to be recognized and awarded their prizes. Teacher sponsors of the winning students will be notified via email with complete details to attend the *Thirlee Smith 2nd Annual Black History Brain Bowl*.
 - **All entries are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2019.**
 - Submissions are to be faxed or emailed to the following:
 - **FAX:** 305-995-1492 **OR**
 - **Email:** azeto@dadeschools.net
 - If there are further questions, contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Department of Social Sciences, at the number listed below or via email at sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net.
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Contact: Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor (305-995-1982)

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