

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Black History Essay Contest for Secondary Schools

**Category: For Your Information**

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers  
**Due Date:** Feb 23, 2018  
**Meeting Date:** n/a  
**Attachment(s):** [2018\\_Black\\_History\\_SECONDARY\\_Essay\\_flyer.pdf](#)

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 2018 Black History theme, "African Americans in Times of War."
- **BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES**
  - The secondary categories are grades 6-8 and 9-12.
  - **BLACK HISTORY PROMPT:**  
*African Americans have faced and continue to face unique issues during times of war beginning with the French and Indian War and the American Revolution to the present "War on Terrorism." Research the unique experience of African Americans during times of war and explain to your reader the important role African Americans have had accordingly.*
  - Essays must be typed, with a maximum length of 500 words (2 pages), 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;
    - Email address;
    - Phone number (cell/home);
    - Teacher's name and email address; and
    - School name.
  - 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
  - Winners of the essay contest are also invited to attend the *Thirlee Smith 1st Annual Black History Brain Bowl* that will be held at the Lyric Theatre on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
- **All entries are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018.**
- Submissions are to be faxed or emailed to the following:
  - **FAX:** 305-995-1492 **OR**
  - **Email:** [azeto@dadeschools.net](mailto:azeto@dadeschools.net)
- If there are further questions, contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, at the number listed below or via email at [sherrilynsconfig@dadeschools.net](mailto:sherrilynsconfig@dadeschools.net).

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