

## ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/AP'S: Black History Essay Contest for Secondary Schools

**Category:**

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High)  
**Due Date:** n/a  
**Meeting Date:** n/a

The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, 99 JAMZ (Cox Radio), 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 2012 Black History theme, "Black Women in American Culture and History."
- All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 13, 2012.**
- Winners will be announced via email on Friday, **February 17, 2012.**
- First, second, and third place winners in the following categories will be recognized in the 2012 District Black History Program (see details below).
- First, second, and third place winners are asked to attend the District's annual Black History program.
- The District's Annual Black History program is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- The SBAB auditorium address is 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132.
- The secondary categories are grades 6-8 and 9-12.

- **2012 Black History prompt:**

African American women from the American Revolution to the present have played a myriad of critical roles in the making of our nation. Their labor and leadership, their motherhood and patriotism, and their intellect and artistic expression have all enriched both the African American community and the nation at large.

Reflect on American culture today and focus on the accomplishments of such prominent figures as Phillis Wheatley, Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells, Rosa Parks, Toni Morrison, Michelle Obama, and Rita Dove. These African American women have distinguished themselves in various areas of American culture and history.

The accomplishments of African American women have been defined as exceptional and can easily be identified in churches, community groups, literary societies, sororities, and advocacy organizations. African American women have been the core of organized black life, but their accomplishments have often escaped the gaze of the public and hence their history is too little known.

Now, write to share the life story of a little known (not using any of the women listed above) African American woman that has made a difference in their community and is worthy to be included in the annals of African American women in culture and history.

- **PRIZES:**

- Separate first, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in the middle and senior high school categories as follows:
- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$400 U.S. Savings Bond
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$250 U.S. Savings Bond
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$100 U.S. Savings Bond

***BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES***

- 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 student's name, grade level, email address, phone number (cell/home), and school. 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.
- **SUBMIT TO:**  
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- All entries are due on or before Monday, February 13, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
- If there are further questions, contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott via email at [sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net](mailto:sherrilynscott@dadeschools.net).

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