

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/AP'S/TEACHERS: Social Studies - Black History Essay Contest for Secondary Schools

**Category:**

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

**Due Date:** Feb 05, 2010

**Meeting Date:** n/a

**Attachment(s):** [Black\\_HistorySecondary\\_Month\\_2010\\_Essay\\_Contest\\_Attachment.pdf](#)

The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills and the United Teachers of Dade, is 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 the 2010 Black History theme, ***“The History of Black Economic Empowerment.”***
- Middle and senior high school students are eligible to participate. **Only the five top essays from each school may be submitted for judging.** All essays should be submitted at the same time. Middle and senior high school submissions will be judged separately.
- All entries must be received on or before **Friday, February 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** Faxed entries will not be accepted.
- All entrants will receive a certificate of participation. Winners will be announced by **Friday, February 12, 2010.**
- First, second, and third place winners are asked to attend the District’s annual Black History program. The program is scheduled for **Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 12:00 noon.** Prizes will be awarded during this time in the SBAB Auditorium. (Winners must provide a Social Security number in order to collect their prize.)
- The SBAB auditorium address is 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, FL 33132.

**PROMPT:**

- On April 1, 2010 your family is being encouraged to complete the 2010 Census.
- In the past, many living in the Miami area have been reluctant to complete the census form. Families are often not aware of the economic advantages that a complete and accurate census count brings to the community.
- Think about the many struggles African Americans have overcome and the progress made due to economic empowerment.
- Now, write a speech for a town hall meeting to convince your neighborhood to use the census as a means to empower and promote economic growth and development in your community.
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**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

**SUBMIT TO:**

- Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, SBAB - Annex, Room 326C; Mail Code #9626

If there are further questions contact Dr. Sherrilyn Scott at the number listed below, or by email: [sherrilynsconfig@dadescschools.net](mailto:sherrilynsconfig@dadescschools.net).

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