

Social Studies Viking Scholar Competition

Dates of Note:

- **Due Date:** The Viking Scholar Submission must be submitted to the Main Office by February 25, 2022 by 3:00 PM.
- **Interviews by Invitation for Finalists :** Interviews will be conducted on March 25, 2022.

Submission Requirements: All documents must be submitted as one deliverable

1. **Class Artifact:** Pick and include a singular artifact from your 8th grade US History class..
 - a. Select one artifact from the class that demonstrates your best ability
 - b. Examples: essay, project, assignment, etc.
 - c. You will be using this artifact in order to write your essay. How does the content of this artifact connect to the present? This can be a broad connection.
2. **Essay Prompt:** *Explain how the topic of your choice (from your artifact) influences citizens of the United States today?*
Rubric provided below:
3. **Presentation:** If your submission is selected, please be prepared to present your work to all social studies teachers. Please see the rubric provided below about the scoring requirements of the presentation.

Project Compilation			
Scoring Category	Outstanding (4)	Proficient (2)	Inadequate (0)
Submit your whole project with your class artifact and essay included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MLA title Page ● Artifact on top, essay second, and works cited last. 	Follows directions and all parts included	Missing portions, but still presentable.	Missing significant components
Total /4			

Artifact Rubric			
Scoring Category	Outstanding (6)	Proficient (3)	Inadequate (1)
Submit your artifact as it was for your class. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DO NOT CHANGE YOUR ARTIFACT. ● WHAT YOU DID WAS AMAZING TO BEGIN. 	Fully complete, well thought out. High level of thinking.	Clearly complete, but missing key historical thinking skills.	Does not meet the needs of historical thinking skills.
Total /6			

Essay: <i>Explain how the topic of your choice (from your artifact) influences citizens of the United States today?</i>			
Scoring Category	Outstanding (6)	Proficient (3)	Inadequate (1)
Essay Length: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 500 - 750 words ● Word count provided at the end of the essay 	500-750 words	300 - 500 words	<300 words
Essay Formatting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MLA formatted header ● MLA formatted essay ● MLA formatted bibliography 	All three correctly formatted	2 of 3 correctly formatted	<2 correctly formatted
Essay Topic & Focus:	Exemplar	Proficient	Trying

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is relevant to both the past and present • Focuses on one historical topic, theme, or issue that is a part of the 8th grade US History curriculum 			
Writing Mechanics: 5 paragraph essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction - background & thesis ○ Historical Context ○ Contemporary Relevance ○ Historical Lesson ○ Conclusion • 3rd person formal • Strong academic writing 	Exemplar	Proficient	Trying
Historical Context: Provide historical context of an event, theme, or issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 primary sources referenced and cited • 1-2 secondary sources referenced and cited • Provide your own relevant analysis elaboration pertaining to the historical event. 	Exemplar	Proficient	Trying
Contemporary Relevance: Explain how your topic is still relevant to today. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 primary sources referenced and cited • 1-2 secondary sources referenced and cited • Provide your own relevant analysis elaboration pertaining to the historical event. 	Exemplar	Proficient	Trying
The Historical Lesson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the lesson learned from this historical event. • Explain how the lesson learned from this historical event applies to the present • This is the final section of your essay - reference the historical context and contemporary relevance 	Exemplar	Proficient	Trying
Total / 42			

Presentation - If you are selected.			
Scoring Category	Outstanding (6)	Proficient (3)	Inadequate (1)
Presentation Length: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 minutes long 	3-4 mins.	2-3 mins	<2 mins
Presentation Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - 3 slides per essay section • Historical Context, Contemporary Relevance, Historical Lesson 	All three referenced	2 of 3 referenced	<2 referenced
Visual Aides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neat and organized • Used for reference - not copied from essay 	Exemplar	Proficient	Trying
Total / 18			

Full Total /70