



**American History 2020-2021
State Information Packet (SIP)**

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TO: American History Chapter Committee Chairmen

Catherine Bue-Hepner, National Chairman, has updated the website for the coming year. You will find the guidelines for the American History contest, judge's forms, as well as information regarding the Women in American History Awards on the **NSDAR Member's only website**:

<http://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-history/committee-purpose>.

PLEASE NOTE: The Christopher Columbus contest has been discontinued.

If you have not contacted your local schools regarding the essay contests, please do so as soon as school begins in August. While History teachers are usually the main emphasis for this contest, remember that English teachers teach essay writing. It is important to get teachers involved, which leads to involved students. One key requirement for a successful essay is a good bibliography. Please stress this to the participants. Also, the coversheet is especially important; each piece of required information **must** be included. **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: you must send your three (3) chapter judging sheets to the state chair! If these are not received, the essay cannot be judged.**

2020-2021: Title: "The Boston Massacre." Topic: March 5, 2020, marks the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, considered to be a pivotal event that paved the way to the American Revolution. Imagine you are living in Boston and, after witnessing the events of March 5, describe your family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament.

Women in American History: March is officially Women's History Month, so chapters may wish to use this occasion to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the woman of their choice. Please take into consideration individuals who have contributed or made a difference in their communities. Refer to www.womenshistorymonth.gov for the current theme and ideas. Seek those women who are, or who have been, intellectual, educational, social, religious, political, scientific, or cultural innovators. Recognition may be an invitation to speak at a chapter meeting, presentation of a medal and certificate, writing a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, or publishing an article about the woman. Keep in mind the President General's theme of Rise and Shine for America when recognizing notable women from your state or community. These women serve as an example and inspiration to all of us.

DEADLINES: Essays due to State by January 15, 2021 including the essay and three (3) chapter judging sheets. Women in History Forms and pictures are due by April 1, 2021.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me: Lyn Hicks, 393 Hicks Road, Austin, AR 72007, or Lynhicks52@gmail.com or 501-590-2016.