

Americanism Essay Contest Scoring Rubric

"Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom."

	Student Name				
	Class competing in				
	Class Word Count				
		Scoring			
Word Count	Essay does not comply with applicable word count = 0 Essay complies with applicable word count = 5	5			
Cover Sheet	Cover sheet is incomplete = 0 Cover sheet is fully complete = 5	5			
Topic/Theme - Does the essay answer the topic question?	Essay does not address topic = 1 Essay somewhat addresses topic = 8 Essay mostly addresses topic = 18 Essay thoroughly addresses topic = 25	25			
Content - Original thought	Essay does not display original thoughts = 1 Essay displays somewhat original thoughts = 8 Essay displays mostly original thoughts = 18 Essay displays original thoughts = 25	25			
Grammar	Essay is not written well grammatically and contains many spelling errors = 1 Essay has some grammatical and spelling errors = 4 Essay has few grammatical and spelling errors = 7 Essay has no grammatical or spelling errors = 10	10			
Clarity/Coherence	Essay is not easily understood = 1 Essay is somewhat understood = 4 Essay is mostly understood = 7 Essay is clearly stated and easily understood = 10	10			
Organization - The essay is organized with an introduction, body, and conclusion.	Essay is not organized = 1 Essay is somewhat organized = 4 Essay is mostly organized = 7 Essay is organized = 10	10			
Correct Word Usage	Essay does not use correct word choices = 1 Essay somewhat uses correct word choices = 4 Essay mostly uses correct word choices = 7 Essay uses correct word choices = 10	10			
TOTAL SCORE		100	0	0	0