

2005 / 2006 National Winners



Congratulations to students for their intense research and excellent writing! Nearly 2,500 9th – 12th grade students from public, private, parochial schools and home-schooling regions competed nationwide, with American student participation as far away as Germany and Mexico. To ensure fair and anonymous judging, students' names, schools, home localities and other identifying information did not appear on the essays. Identified only by an identification number, student entries were judged strictly upon research, historical accuracy, knowledge and analysis of subject matter, supporting evidence, adherence to the topic, originality, and writing skills.



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\$3,000 FIRST-PLACE ESSAY AWARD

MICHAEL NITZ

McHenry High School West Campus
McHenry, Illinois

TEACHER: Mr. Cary Waxler

[Essay](#)

\$1,500 SECOND-PLACE ESSAY AWARD

ANNA MOSTELLER

Atlee High School
Mechanicsville, Virginia
TEACHER: Ms. Saundra Watkins

[Essay](#)

\$750 THIRD-PLACE ESSAY AWARD

CASEY DIGNAN

New Hope-Solebury High School
New Hope, Pennsylvania

TEACHER: Mr. Jon Gonsiewski

[Essay](#)

Honorable Mention

JESSICA BLOOM

Clarkstown High School South
West Nyack, New York
TEACHER: Mr. Ken Glotzer

SUDIPTA DEVANATH

Nansemond-Suffolk Academy
Suffolk, Virginia
TEACHER: Ms. Mary Williams

MICHAEL KIM

Airline High School
Bossier City, Louisiana
TEACHER: Ms. Angela Pugh

NATASHA RAJ KUMAR

Hershey High School
Hershey, Pennsylvania
TEACHER: Ms. Rhauni Gregory

VICTORIA SHINKAROVSKY

Wissahickon High School
Ambler, Pennsylvania
TEACHER: Mr. Guy Fiorentino

TIMOTHY TISHMAN

Yorktown High School
Arlington, Virginia
TEACHER: Mr. Kevin Briscoe

MARYANNE TOMAZIC

Freehold High School,
Freehold, New Jersey
TEACHER: Ms. Marina Kerber