

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Contest Topic

March 22, 2015, marks the 250th anniversary of the Stamp Act. Passed by the British Parliament in 1765, this new tax required all colonists to pay a tax on every printed piece of paper they used. The Stamp Act was viewed by the colonists as “taxation without representation.” Describe a colonial family’s discussion about the new Stamp Act and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament.

CONTEST RULES

- Essay may be prepared on a computer, in black type in a non-script font no smaller than 12 point or larger than 14 point.
- Each essay may be handwritten in **black ink** if handwritten.
- The essay must be the student’s own work.
- Each essay must have a title page.
- Each essay must include a bibliography listing all sources used.

Number of Words*:

Grade 5: 300 – 600

Grade 6: 600 – 1,000

*All words in essay count. Title page and bibliography do not count.

Due Date: Essays must be completed and turned in to Ms. Moriarty in Library Media Center by **Wednesday, December 2, 2015.**

Bibliography

We will work on this in library class. If you choose to do at home, please use MLA format and one of the following tools.

Kid Bib Toolkit

<http://blue.sdp.sirsi.net/client/kidbib>

bibme

<http://www.bibme.org/>

Citation Machine

<http://www.citationmachine.net/>

Essay Checklist: Does your essay have?

- Historical Accuracy
- Adherence to subject
- Organization of material
- Originality
- Interest
- Spelling and Grammar
- Bibliography

***Essay must have a bibliography listing all references used. Any essay with information copied directly from sources without using quotes will be disqualified.**

“A Colonial Family’s Reaction to the Stamp Act”

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