2023 QHTA Historical Writing Competition is co-sponsored by: the Independent Education Union – Queensland and Northern Territory and the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties.

**QHTA Historical Writing Competition 2023**

The Competition

Students in Years 7-12 in Queensland and the Northern Territory are invited to submit an essay or other historical writing (e.g. a report, diary entry, newspaper article, feature article) based on research or an independent source investigation (Years 11 and 12 only) that fits the following categories, conditions and criteria.

# Categories

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| 1. **Year 7** | 400-500 words |
| 2. **Year 8** | 500 – 800 words |
| 3. **Year 9** | 700-1000 words |
| 4. **Year 10** | 800-1200 word |
| 5. **Year 11** | *Ancient History*\* |
|  | 1500 – 2000 words |
| 6. **Year 11** | Modern History |
|  | 1500-2000 words |
| 7. **Year 12** | *Ancient History*\* |
|  | 1500 – 2000 words |
| 8. **Year 12** | Modern History |
|  | 1500 – 2000 words |
| 9. **Year 11** | *Ancient History\** |
|  | 1500 – 2000 words |
|  | Independent Source Investigation |
| 10. **Year 11** | Modern History |
|  | 1500 – 2000 words  Independent Source Investigation |
| 11. **Year 12** | *Ancient History\** |  |
|  | 1500 – 2000 words  Independent Source Investigation |  |
| 12. **Year 12** | Modern History |  |
|  | 1500 – 2000 words  Independent Source Investigation |  |

***\* Please note:*** *The Ancient History categories may include submissions on a topic of Medieval History as defined by the relevant syllabuses*

# Prizes

Prizes for the year level categories are:

* 1st place $150
* 2nd place $75
* 3rd place $50

The judges may also award Highly Commended Certificates in each category.

Additionally, the following prizes may be awarded:

The best essay on the theme of

(Australian) First Nations Peoples History

(any year level with appropriate word length)

Prize - $150

Human Rights and Civil Liberties Topic

Years 7-10 (length as relevant to year level)

Prize - $150

Human Rights and Civil Liberties Topic

Years 11 and 12 (1500-2000 words)

Prize - $200

The R D Milns Award

For the best research based historical essay on a topic from Ancient or Medieval History.

Prize - $200

The Russell Cowie Award

For the best research based historical essay on a topic from Modern History.

Prize - $200

The same entry may be used for a Year Level award and one of the above additional Awards – or a separate entry may be submitted.

**The Conditions**

* Entries must be received by **Friday 15 September 2023**.
* The word lengths, which *include* quotations, listed above. Longer entries will NOT be read.
* Schools may submit no more than three entries in each category. In instances where more than three entries are submitted, the first three received will be used.
* Independent Source Investigation entries should adhere to the specifications required by the QCAA, for the assessment instrument of the same name.
* A student may not submit more than one entry per category.
* The submission must NOT include any teacher corrections or comments.
* The judges may decide NOT to award prizes in any given category.
* All decisions of the judging panel are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
* Entries:
* are to be submitted online in PDF and to competitions@qhta.com.au
* must clearly identify the question or hypothesis and include consistently formatted references and a bibliography using a recognized system.
* must include two attachments. One attachment should be the actual student work and the other attachment should be the completed Title Page and Entry Form (See attached). Note there is a space on the Title Page and Entry Form for a signed Student Declaration, which must be signed by the student whose writing has been submitted and a teacher/parent/guardian.
* must specifically identify the word length (including quotes) of the entry.

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Peoples History prize – IEU Qld and NT

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Junior and Senior Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Prizes – Qld Council for Civil Liberties

**Queensland and Northern Territory Branch**



* The email subject line must state QHTA entry, Year level, student name and school – in that order. For example, “QHTA entry Year 9 Jane Smith Queensland SHS”.
* An email confirmation of entry received will be sent by [qhta@qhta.com.au](mailto:qhta@qhta.com.au) so that receipt of competition entry may be checked.

**Criteria**

# **Relevance**

The entry must address the stated question or hypothesis and be historical – in that it addresses issues concerned with causes or consequences and/or change and continuity in human affairs over an identified time period.

# **Content**

The entry must deal with appropriate historical facts, concepts and opinions. It should be free from factual errors and unsupported assertions.

# **Research**

There should be considerable evidence of the student’s own substantial reading about the topic from an appropriately comprehensive range of sources. In Years 11 and 12, this should include both primary and secondary sources. The manner of referencing and the format of the bibliography must be consistent, accurate and appropriate to the genre and must follow the conventions of the chosen style. The student must demonstrate an understanding of the purpose and relevance of referencing.

# **Critical use of sources**

The student must use evidence in a manner that displays her/his ability to critically and effectively analyse, interpret, evaluate and synthesise sources in the process of addressing the stated question/hypothesis.

# **Communication**

The entry should be a logical, cohesive and fluently developed response which follows the widely accepted conventions of the chosen genre. The language used must reflect an appropriate level of sophistication and be free from mechanical errors.

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| The Queensland History Teachers’ Association  Historical Writing Competition 2023  for Queensland and Northern Territory Schools     |  |  | | --- | --- | | Student Name: |  | | Student Year Level: | Word Length (including quotes): | | Question/ Hypothesis: |  |   School:  School Address:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Name of Principal: | Teacher Name: | | Teacher email: | Teacher Telephone: | | Student email contact: |  |   Categories (Please tick)   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1. Year 7 |  | 6. Year 11 Modern History |  | 11. Year 12 Ancient History ISI\* |  | | 1. Year 8 |  | 7. Year 12 Ancient History |  | 12. Year 12 Modern History ISI\* |  | | 1. Year 9 |  | 8. Year 12 Modern History |  | Australian First Nations Peoples History |  | | 1. Year 10 |  | 9. Year 11 Ancient History ISI\* |  | Human Rights and Civil Liberties Topic Years 7-10 |  | | 1. Year 11 Ancient History |  | 10. Year 11 Modern History ISI\* |  | Human Rights and Civil Liberties Topic: Years 11 & 12 |  |   \* *Independent Source Investigation* |