



A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE ESSAY CONTEST

2019 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE ESSAY TOPIC

Former U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye said about the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII, that this dark chapter in our history "...must remain in our collective conscience as a grave reminder of what we are capable of in a time of crisis and what we must not allow to happen again to any group, regardless of race, religion or national origin."

Executive Order 9066, signed by President Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, was the culmination of decades of anti-Asian sentiment. Relate the anti-immigrant sentiment then to anti-immigrant sentiment now, citing specific examples. What lessons should we, as Americans, learn from the events of WWII? What can you do personally to ensure that further erosion of human rights does not occur?

TEACHERS: IF THE ESSAY IS USED FOR A CLASS ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE SELECT THE TOP ESSAYS FOR SUBMISSION.

HIGH SCHOOL

Essays should be: Between 1000 and 1200 words • Typewritten - double spaced • Please include a bibliography

ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

• PRIZES of: \$400 first prize • \$300 second prize • \$200 third prize •

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Essays should be: Between 700 and 900 words • Typewritten - double spaced • Please include a bibliography

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• PRIZES of: \$300 first prize • \$200 second prize • \$150 third prize •

• ESSAYS WITHOUT A COVER SHEET WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED •



THE COVER SHEET MUST INCLUDE:

your name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if available), the school you are attending, your grade level, and your teacher's name.

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