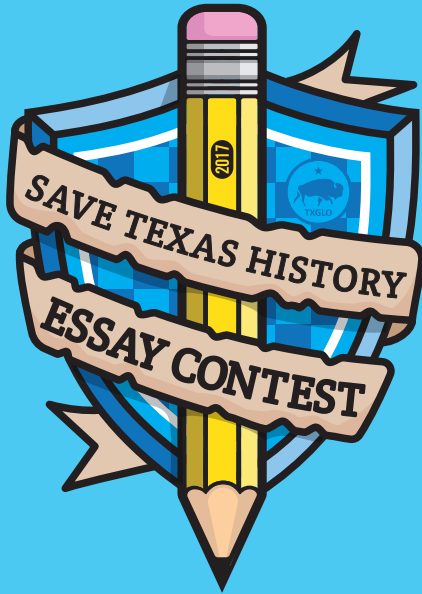


## Essay question: “What history in your community is worth saving?”

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**All entries must be postmarked or received by 11:59 PM, November 30, 2020.**



### **ELIGIBILITY:**

All public, private and home-schooled students of appropriate age for fourth and seventh grades may participate.

### **GUIDELINES:**

The student should address the question, "What history in your community is worth saving?" The student's name should not appear on any portion of the essay. The submission should be accompanied by the signed contest entry form. Electronic and paper submissions are acceptable.



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## *What history in your community is worth saving?*

Each of us can point to something in our neighborhood, town, or city that's worth saving, whether it's a building, a business, an organization, a public space, or a cultural event. Every community in Texas is unique and has its own history, including yours!

INCLUDE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AUTHORS, PUBLICATION TITLES AND DATES FOR ALL SOURCES USED. FOR ONLINE SOURCES, LIST THE FULL URL OF EACH PAGE USED.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

**Creativity:** Is the story told in a compelling way? **40%**  
**Informative:** Is the essay factual and interesting? **30%**  
Grammar/ Spelling **15%**  
Organization/ Neatness **15%**

### **EVALUATION:**

Essays will be evaluated by experienced educators and graded based on 4th and 7th grade skill and knowledge levels.

### **4TH GRADE**

- 400 - 500 Words
- Typed or handwritten in essay format
- Include original title
- Bibliography as separate page required

### **7TH GRADE**

- 750 - 1,000 Words
- Typed **ONLY**, in essay format
- Include original title
- Bibliography as separate page required

### **SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MAIL:**

Texas General Land Office  
Attn: Lila Rakoczy/ STH Essay Contest  
PO Box 12873  
Austin, TX 78711-2873

— OR —

### **ELECTRONICALLY:**

essaycontest@glo.texas.gov  
(PDF FORMAT ONLY)

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# Save Texas History Essay Contest

Entries must be received by November 30, 2020

Winners will be announced December 9, 2020

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) give \_\_\_\_\_ (student)

permission to enter his/her essay in the Save Texas History Essay Contest. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) or it's agents may use the attached essay entry and my child's name and likeness for Save Texas History purposes including advertising, publicity and other media. Entries will be the property of the GLO and will not be returned. Entrants are encouraged to photocopy their submission and to call 512.463.5277 to verify receipt by the GLO. I understand that certain winners may be invited to attend Save Texas History events. Participation in such events is voluntary and travel expenses will not be reimbursed if the winner or finalists choose to attend. Damaged, lost or late entries are not eligible. Household family members of GLO employees are not eligible. The parent or guardian of the winner is solely responsible for all taxes on prizes and must meet eligibility requirements as determined by the contributors. This contest is void where prohibited.

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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