

Los Altos Historical Commission and Los Altos History Museum
30th Annual Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest
3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Graders

Rubric for Scoring
2014 Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Contest entries should have the student's full name, address, phone number, school name, grade, and teacher's name on the top left side of the first page. Essays should be about 300 words or less. If any essay has not followed these guidelines, the essay will NOT be read or judged for the contest.

There will be a total of 30 points possible for an essay. These points will be allotted according to the following criteria:

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| 1. Identification of work of art and its location | 5 points |
| 2. Ideas | 10 points |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes a clear focus• Uses descriptive language• Provides relevant information• Communicates creative ideas | |
| 3. Expression | 10 points |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses language effectively• Uses interesting vocabulary• Uses a variety of sentences | |
| 4. Organization | 5 points |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes a strong beginning, middle, and end• Demonstrates a sequential flow of ideas | |