

**NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

Topic for 2014–2015

Imagine you have been chosen to join Christopher Columbus' crew as he sets out for the New World. What are your thoughts and feelings as you prepare for this potentially hazardous mission? What skills do you possess that are essential to your success and survival? Why do you want to go on this voyage and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

SCHOOL: _____

NUMBER OF WORDS IN ESSAY: _____

DIRECTIONS FOLLOWED: (All must be answered affirmatively)

1. **FORM:** Handwritten in black ink, typed or prepared on computer or word processor with non-script font no smaller than 12 pt. and no larger than 14 pt.
(ESSAY MUST BE STUDENT'S OWN WORK) Yes? _____ No? _____

2. **NUMBER OF WORDS:** 800–1,200 Yes? _____ No? _____
(All words count. Title page and bibliography excluded.
Dates count as one word.)

3. **TITLE PAGE:** The following must be listed on the title page: Yes? _____ No? _____
 - Title of Essay: **“Joining Christopher Columbus on His Voyage to the New World”**
 - Contestant's full name and address
(includes street, rural route, or PO Box, city, state, zip code)
Note: If the school's regulations prohibit providing the student's contact information then contact information for the school may be substituted.
 - Contestant's phone number and area code
 - Contestant's e-mail address, if available
 - Name of contestant's school and grade level
 - Name of sponsoring DAR chapter
 - Number of words in essay

JUDGING BASED UPON: (must have a bibliography or is disqualified)

1. Completeness of title page (1 to 5 points) _____
 2. Historical accuracy (1 to 25 points) _____
 3. Adherence to subject (1 to 15 points) _____
 4. Organization of material (1 to 10 points) _____
 5. Originality (1 to 10 points) _____
 6. Interest (1 to 10 points) _____
 7. Spelling and punctuation (1 to 10 points) _____
 8. Grammar (1 to 10 points) _____
 9. Bibliography (1 to 5 points) _____
- Total Points _____

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

(A copy of this guide should be given to each judge and final points tabulated by chair. Chair can determine if title page is correct instead of judge, if desired.)