



Essay/Poetry/Rap Contest

Description:

The Pennsylvania Juneteenth Initiative, Inc. is hosting the 4th annual Philadelphia Juneteenth Celebration: Parade and Music Festival on Saturday, June 22, 2019. In addition to the parade festivities, the Juneteenth Initiative will be hosting an inaugural essay and poetry contest. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the essay contest by submitting an essay, original poem or rap song that connects with one of the prompts provided.

Contest Details and How to Enter:

1. The contest is open to students in grades 6-12.
2. Students may enter by submitting an essay, original song or original poem or rap.
3. All entries must be typed and emailed as an attachment to the email phillyjuneteenth2019@gmail.com.
4. All entries must meet the criteria of the rubrics provided.
5. Entries will be judged by a panel of educators.
6. Contest begins Monday April 1st and must be submitted by Friday, April 26th.
7. All Essays must be 3-5 paragraphs.

Essay Prompt- Write an essay, rap song or poem explaining your thoughts and ideas on one of the following quotes:

1. Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day commemorates the emancipation from slavery in the United States. What does Juneteenth mean to you?
2. Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation from slavery. What is the connection between emancipation and education in the African American community?
3. Juneteenth has been celebrated since enslaved Africans were told of their freedom on June 19, 1865. Why is it important that we celebrate Juneteenth today?

