



THE 2024 TEXAS NAVY ASSOCIATION 7TH GRADE ESSAY TOPIC

Write an essay about the History of the Texas Navy Ship SAN ANTONIO

Contest Rules

Deadlines:

Deadline for the Texas Navy Association 7th grade Essay is Friday, February 9. Entries may be downloaded to the Squadron Committee Chair, _____, at _____@_____. (email address of Squadron Chair)

This is the month before the essay is due to the State Committee for judging. This provides the Squadron Committee time to judge the essays and send the winner to the TNA Association State Education Committee for final judging of a State winner. The State Education Committee Chair must receive the Squadron's winning essay no later than March 1st. The State contest winner will be selected from winning essays submitted by each of the Squadrons. Essays will be judged by the TNA State Education Committee and the winner will be announced on the 4th Friday in March.

Formatting:

Typed essays are to be double-spaced on 8½" by 11" paper, using "Times New Roman" font, size 12. Top and bottom page margins are to be one inch, with side margins being 1.25 inches. Essays must be submitted in English.

Requirements: Bibliography

A minimum of four (4) references is needed – no more than two (2) may be internet references. Research references should be listed on a separate page, but not counted as part of the essay length. Included in the bibliography should be the name of the author; title of the book; newspaper; article; city of publication; publisher and date of publication. Facts cited and research references will be checked by the committee. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, and neatness are a consideration in judging. The essay should be original, interesting, and well organized. The most important aspect of the essay should be historical accuracy.

**Suggested research books are :FIRST TEXAS NAVY by John Powers
LONE STAR NAVY by Johnathan W. Jordan
THE TEXAS NAVY by Dr. Jim Dan Hill**

Word Count

Word count should be no more than 825 words. Any paper over this word count will be automatically disqualified. Word count does not include the Bibliography. Names such as Admiral Chester Nimitz or places such as Battle of San Jacinto are counted as one word.

Cover page should include:

- **Student's name**
- **Title of the essay**
- **Name of school, address, and city**
- **Texas Navy Association**
- **Sponsoring Squadron name and city**
- **Squadron contact and telephone number**
- **Parent's name, phone number and mailing address**

Awards:

The local Squadron awards a \$100 prize for its winning essay. The winner and his or her parents are asked to attend a Squadron luncheon and meeting to read the winning paper to the Squadron. The parent's contact information is important in case an emergency arises and the student is unable to attend. This will ensure that the Squadron knows where to send the gift card and certificate.

The State winner receives a \$500 gift card and plaque and is asked to read his or her winning essay at the spring TNA Board of Directors meeting. The winner and his or her parents will be provided with a room at the hotel where the meeting takes place, provided that the student lives 50 miles or more from the hotel. The hotel room will be provided on the Friday before the Saturday Board of Directors meeting. Three seats will be provided at lunch for the student and two guests. The Texas Navy is not responsible for other expenses incurred to attend the BOD meeting to receive his or her award.

Winning an essay contest will look good on any future resume, whether it be for college or employment.

GUIDELINES BY WHICH THE ESSAY WILL BE JUDGED ARE:

5 pts-NEATNESS

5 pts.-COVER SHEET

15 pts.-RESOURCE MATERIALS

55 pts.-HISTORICAL ACCURACY

10 pts.-CLARITY OF ESSAY, Is grammar clear? Is spelling and punctuation correct?

10 pts.-ORGANIZATION-Is the essay original, interesting, well organized