

STATEN ISLAND HISTORY DAY FAIR

5th Grade

School Fair winners must be chosen and submitted by April 9, 2010

Judging and notification of winners will occur by, April 21, 2010

Awards presentation: Friday May 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm

College of Staten Island, Center for the Arts

WHAT IS THE STATEN ISLAND HISTORY DAY FAIR?

The second annual Staten Island History Day Fair will bring together the finest local history projects from Staten Island public, private and parochial schools in an evening of competition and celebration. Last year more than 30 schools and 300 students and parents attended the Borough Fair at the College of Staten Island. In our second year, the fair will be open to both fourth graders and fifth graders. Fourth graders will create physical projects (dioramas, papers, plays...). Fifth graders will create online projects at nypl.voicethread.com. This is a new easy-to-use site created by The New York Public Library that enables students to upload pictures, videos or text and narrate their presentations. There are separate applications for fourth and fifth grade projects.

The fifth grade will have 2 divisions – 1. Individual Projects 2. Class/Group Projects

SPONSORS:

The contest is sponsored by Borough President James P. Molinaro and Borough Historian Thomas W. Matteo. Winning projects from each school will compete for the Borough President's Award.

NYPL.VOICETHREAD.COM:

nypl.voicethread.com is a new website that enables students to use thousands of historical images from The New York Public Library in online presentations. Think of it as a PowerPoint Presentation online but instead of typing bullet points students can record their own narration. In fact, entire PowerPoint presentations can be uploaded to nypl.voicethread.com with a single click.

Please read the VoiceThread "terms of use" on the site which include the following term: "1. You must be at least 13 years or older to register and use this Service. If you are under the age of 13, you must use an account created by a parent or guardian, and you must have the explicit permission of a parent or guardian to use the Service."

The New York Public Library is working with VoiceThread to enable students to participate in this contest. NYPL, however is not a sponsor of the contest.

HOW CAN MY SCHOOL'S FIFTH GRADERS GET INVOLVED?

Fifth Graders prepare a project describing a person, event or place in Staten Island History. Projects must be created in nypl.voicethread.com. The site provides over 3,000 historical Staten Island images and maps that can be used in student projects and over 700,000 historical images on all topics. Search the collection by typing in the name of a neighborhood, street, building or person on Staten Island.

Please review the terms of service at nypl.voicethread.com before creating a project. Please respect the rights of copyright holders. There are no known copyright issues with the 3,000+ Staten Island NYPL Digital Gallery images presented through nypl.voicethread.com so feel free to use them in your projects.

The New York Public Library will be holding workshops in the spring to help with creating projects in nypl.voicethread.com. Free workshops on how to create projects are scheduled at the Richmond-town Branch of The New York Public Library, 200 Clarke Avenue, Staten Island, NY on:

4 pm Thursday, January 21, 2010

4 pm Wednesday, February 3, 2010

4 pm Thursday, February 11, 2010

4 pm Tuesday, February 23, 2010

No previous experience is necessary to participate. There is an online demonstration of how to create a project at nypl.voicethread.com. Contact Andrew Wilson to arrange demonstrations for schools and groups of educators at ahwilson@nypl.org.

Creating Staten Island History Day projects at nypl.voicethread.com

Register an account in the upper right corner.

Click the Create tab and select 1. Upload

Upload from... Media Sources to use any of 3,000 + Staten Island History images from The New York Public Library. Upload from My Computer to use your own image or video files.

Select The New York Public Library from Media Sources.

Select Get Digital Gallery images.

Type a search term in the box and click the magnifying glass.

Click the images you want to add to your presentation. Click import to add the selected images to your presentation. When you're done click close.

You now see the images in your presentation. You can add more images from The New York Public Library or My Computer if you want to. When finished click 2. Comment.

Comments may be added by microphone, telephone, webcam or typed.

Microphone, webcam and typed comments are FREE. You may upload sound or video comments by clicking the Up Arrow for FREE.

Telephone: 3 minutes of telephone commenting are free per account. 60 minutes of telephone commenting may be purchased from VoiceThread.com for \$10. After entering your phone number VoiceThread will immediately call you and an automated message will instruct you to enter your comment.

Clicking the Record button for microphone or webcam will bring up Adobe Flash Player Settings box. Click Allow.

When you're done with your comment click Stop Recording. Then click save or cancel. Each com-

ment will appear next to an image by a small avatar.

When you're finished adding comments click 3. Share.

Click Get a Link.

If you don't want anyone other than the judges to view your entry UNCHECK the allow anyone to View box. It is necessary to share your entry with the judges for them to review it. Ask your teacher the best way to share your project at the school level. School level winners should share their projects with the Staten Island Borough Historian, Dr. Thomas Matteo. Click Copy the Link and paste it in an email to [HYPERLINK "mailto:sihistorian@aol.com"](mailto:sihistorian@aol.com) sihistorian@aol.com to be entered in the borough level competition.

If you have questions about how to use nypl.voicethread.com, contact Andrew Wilson, Digital Producer at The New York Public Library at [HYPERLINK "mailto:ahwilson@nypl.org"](mailto:ahwilson@nypl.org) ahwilson@nypl.org or 212-592-7172.

Questions about the contest rules and logistics should go to Thomas W. Matteo at [HYPERLINK "mailto:sihistorian@aol.com"](mailto:sihistorian@aol.com) sihistorian@aol.com.

Where Do I Find information about Staten Island history?

The Staten Island Historian's website contains links to a wide range of Staten Island Historical organizations and documents at www.Statenislandhistorian.com

3,000 SI photos and maps are available at nypl.voicethread.com under "create" >"media sources">"The New York Public library" or for more advanced searching, they can also be found at digitalgallery.nypl.org.

For historical records and online copies of several Staten Island History Books search [HYPERLINK "http://www.nypl.org"](http://www.nypl.org) www.nypl.org for "Staten Island on the Web"

SUGGESTED PROJECT IDEAS

Written:

Describe a location, event, or issue that has historical significance in Staten Island history. Write a biography of an important person in Staten Island History.

Document files may be uploaded to nypl.voicethread.com. Read the text aloud and add pictures for extra effect.

Image:

Then and Now - Photograph historical locations on Staten Island and compare the photographs with historical pictures from the NYPL Digital Gallery. Investigate how and why the locations may have changed.

Audio and Video:

Oral history audio or video- Interview a grandparent or neighbor who has lived on Staten Island a long time and record their descriptions of daily life on Staten Island when they were young. Upload

the recording to nypl.voicethread.com.

Make an audio or video recording of an original play or monologue about an important person or event in Staten Island history. Dress up in historical costume. Upload the recording to nypl.voicethread.com

CONTEST RULES

School Level Competition

Each participating school should appoint a staff member as coordinator for that school. The School Coordinator receives applications from students and teachers working with group projects. If a school needs assistance creating projects in nypl.voicethread.com they can contact Andrew Wilson, Digital Producer at The New York Public Library: [HYPERLINK "mailto:ahwilson@nypl.org"](mailto:ahwilson@nypl.org) ahwilson@nypl.org or 212-592-7178.

School and borough competitions should be judged according to the criteria on the official judging score sheet. Individual school contest locations, dates, times and procedures will be determined by the School Coordinator administering the contest in each school. Schools may submit one individual winner and/or one group winner to the borough competition.

Total running time of the presentation on nypl.voicethread.com should not exceed 10 minutes.

Written text uploaded to nypl.voicethread.com should not exceed 5 double-spaced 8 1/2 x 11 pages. Advance written approval of Boroughwide Contest judges is required if special circumstances require that a project to exceed any of these limits.

After-school programs, museums and other organizations may also sponsor 5th grade entrants as either individual or group project entrants. 5th graders are not required to attend the same school to enter the fair in the class/group division. Only 5th graders may be included in the group.

PROJECT JUDGING CRITERIA

Project Content 25 Pts.

Judging Criteria:

1. Project topic relates to Staten Island History
2. Project demonstrates extensive use of historical data.
3. Project facts support thesis.
4. Project contains analysis or interpretation, beyond a collection of facts.
5. Project presents relationships of local history to larger historical themes.
6. Quality of project's narrative structure (does the project tell a story?).

Project Presentation 25 Pts.

Judging Criteria:

1. Appropriateness of presentation to medium.
2. Reflection of creativity and imagination.
3. Student has a thorough knowledge of project topic.
4. Appearance:

Text Upload – Organization and display of writing, neatness, proofreading

Audio or video recordings - Organization of material, quality of sound or video presentation

Performance Recording – Organization of material, enthusiasm, costumes, creativity.

Artwork – Accuracy of representation, attractiveness of artwork

**SCHOOL WINNERS MUST BE SELECTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE BOROUGH HISTORIAN
BY SCHOOLS OR SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS BY APRIL 9, 2010.**

Borough Level Competition

The School Level Coordinator will submit school winning applications for individual and/or group project that will represent the school at the Borough level competition. Applications should be sent to:

Dr. Thomas W. Matteo
460 Brielle Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314
Or emailed to
sihistorian@aol.com

Copies of the rules and application are also available statenishistorian.com and nypl.voicethread.com

Borough Awards

1. Individual Projects

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Honorable Mentions

2. Class & Group Projects

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Honorable Mentions

JUDGING OF THE BOROUGH COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN APRIL 9 AND APRIL 21. JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ONLINE. PARTICIPATING STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND THE JUDGING.

BOROUGH AWARD WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY APRIL 21, 2010.

THE 5th GRADE AWARDS CEREMONY AND PRESENTATION OF THE BOROUGH'S AWARD WINNING PROJECTS WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY MAY 7, 2010, 7:00 PM AT THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND. AWARD WINNING STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS ARE INVITED.

Judging will be conducted by volunteers selected by Staten Island Borough Historian, Thomas W. Matteo.

School & Borough Level Contests

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Judge's Score Sheet

Student Name _____ Project Title _____

School _____ Teacher _____

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Up to 25 Pts.

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SCORE

Up to 25 Pts.

Judge's name _____

Total= Maximum 50 Points

Total
Score

STATEN ISLAND HISTORY DAY FAIR APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly all requested information and forward it to:

Thomas W. Matteo, Staten Island Borough Historian

460 Brielle Ave.

Staten Island, NY 10314

Student Name _____

Class _____

School _____

School Address _____

Teacher Name _____

Teacher Phone _____

Teacher Email _____

Principal Name _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Phone _____

Parent Email _____

Project Title _____

Project URL: nypl.voicethread.com/ _____

Division: (please check) Individual Project Class or Group Project

Staten Island History Day Parent/Guardian Release Form

I hereby grant permission for my student to participate in Staten Island History Day.

I understand the student and their work may be photographed and or videotaped for editorial, promotional and educational purposes and I give permission to the sponsors and their licensees to use these images/recordings for promotional or educational purposes including posting participating projects on the Internet.

Parent /Guardian (Signature) _____

(Print) _____ Date _____

School Use Only

This project is the winner of the School Level competition and will represent this school at the District Level Yes No

Name of Teacher or School Level Coordinator _____

What is the best way to contact you with questions or comments on this application?

NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS must be accompanied by both the Staten Island History Day Parent/Guardian Release Form and the NYC Department of Education Parent/Guardian Release Form. Applications without these completed forms will not be considered for participation in the Boroughwide History Day Fair!

NYC Department of Education Parent/Guardian Release Form:

Thomas Matteo, SI Borough Historian/

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