

History Competitions



Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize

For Year levels: 9 and 10, students in Victoria only

Topic: Choice of three questions released each year in February

Competition Format: Online submissions

Accepted entry modes: Essay with references, poem, short story, audio presentation, video, musical composition, web page, artwork

Deadline for entries: Tuesday 8 October 2019, 5pm

Prizes: An overseas study tour for 22 students and a Canberra study tour for 20 students

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: Victoria State

Government: Veterans Branch of the Department of Premier and Cabinet

Special Features: HTAV will bring a free roadshow to your school for your students (option of two presentations including 'The Lost Men of Fromelles', plus unpacking the 2018 Topics)

Opportunities for teachers: Teacher Chaperone positions available for both study tours; member of the Teacher Judging Panel

Website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-spirit-anzac-prize>



HTAV Historical Fiction Competition

For Year levels: 5 to 10; Victorian students or institutional members of HTAV

Topic: A piece of engaging Historical Fiction, focus on both writing and historical accuracy

Competition Format: Online submissions

Acceptable entry modes: Short Story
Deadline for entries: Friday 2 August 2019, 5pm

Prizes: Winning students will each receive a cash prize of \$150 and a certificate

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: HTAV, one prize from History Council of Victoria

Special Features: Competition categories are banded across two years, open to HTAV member schools only

Opportunities for HTAV members: Competition judging

Website: <https://www.htav.asn.au/students/htav-historical-fiction-competition>



National History Challenge

For Year levels: F- 12, nationwide
Topic: 2019 Theme: People and Power

Competition Format: Submitted entries to a State Coordinator

Acceptable entry modes: Research essay, museum exhibit, multimedia, performance, website, ANY other form of creative representation

Deadline for entries: 2019 Date TBC
Prizes: Cash prizes and a behind-the-scenes trip to Canberra to receive their award at Parliament House

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: Australian Government, Department of Education and Training

Special Features: Individual or group entry (max. four students)

Opportunities for HTAV members: Competition judging

Website: <http://www.historychallenge.org.au/>



The Simpson Prize

For Year levels: 9 and 10, nationwide
Topic: New topic released each year
Competition Format: Online submissions

Accepted entry modes: Essay

Deadline for entries: 2019 Date TBC

Prizes: One winner and one runner-up from each state and territory will attend a Canberra study tour. Winning students will travel to key battlefields overseas.

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: Australian Government, Department of Education and Training

Special Features: National Competition

Opportunities for teachers: Teacher Chaperone positions available

Website: <http://www.simpsonprize.org/>



Australian History Competition

For Year levels: 7 to 10, nationwide
Topic: Two papers broadly based on the Australian Curriculum: Years 7- 8, Years 9-10

Competition Format: Assessment held on one day. Test format, multiple choice questions, tests history skills rather than prior content knowledge

Deadline for entries: Participating schools must register by Sunday 31 March 2019; competition held in week of 5 June 2019

Prizes: Cash Prizes

Coordinating and/or Sponsoring Organisation: HTAA and Historicool Magazine

Website: <http://australianhistorycompetition.org.au/>

History competitions are a great way to motivate and reward your students and raise the profile of History in your school community. There are strong links to the curriculum, and students can often use school assessments and projects as their entries. If you have ever had the chance to attend an awards ceremony or travel with competition winners, you will know the profound impact the competitions have on their learning and their personal development.

There are great travel and competition-judging opportunities for teachers too! We have summarised the key elements of each of the competitions for you below.