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**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 Last 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

**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
Accepted 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](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: 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: Individual or group entry (max. four students)
Opportunities for teachers: Teacher Chaperone positions available
Website: [http://www.historychallenge.org.au/](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/](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/](http://australianhistorycompetition.org.au/)

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