

IRISH HISTORIAN GUIDELINES

1. Promote proper recognition of the study of Irish History in Catholic, public, and private schools, home schools, colleges and all educational institutions.
2. Publicize the annual Irish History Writing Contest through Boards, Divisions and local press.
3. Recommend Irish History Writing Contest subjects to the National Irish Historian.
4. Recommend to State/County and Division Historians suggested topics and material for the study of Irish History.
5. Select qualified judges with expertise in history and education. A minimum of 3 Judges per level.
6. The National Irish Historian will submit the Irish History Writing Topics, Rules and Judging Criteria to the State Irish Historians by September 1, 2019.
7. The State Irish Historians are to forward the information from National to County Boards and Division Historians by September 15, 2019.
8. The Irish History Writing Contest Information shall be shared with schools, home schooled students, Parishes and any other interested party by October 1, 2019.
9. Each student entering the 2019-2020 National LAOH Irish History Writing Contest should be given a copy of the Student Information, Contest Rules, and a copy of the 2019-2020 National LAOH Irish History Writing Contest Judging Criteria.
10. Students should begin writing their papers October 1, 2019.
11. All students participating shall **submit four** (4) copies by November 15, 2019 to the local LAOH Division.
12. **A minimum of 3 Judges** is required for all Divisions, County Boards, State Boards and National Board levels.
13. Judging on the Division level will begin on November 15, 2019.
14. The student's title page is to be removed and a number is to be assigned to the paper prior to the paper being given to the Judges. Each Judge will be able to evaluate each paper without prejudice.
15. Each paper will be evaluated, for up to a total of 100 points, using the following categories:

Comprehension: 1-30 points	Organization: 1-20 points	Conclusion: 1-15 points
Creativity: 1-20 points	Writing: 1-15 points	
16. At each level, the Irish Historian shall determine the recommended score to be achieved to move the student paper to the next level. Please do not submit papers that do not meet the criteria.
17. No markings should appear on the student paper as it is being evaluated at any level. If a student paper is advanced to the next level with any markings, edits, scores, etc., it will be disqualified at the next level.
18. The Irish Historian shall provide to the Judges the 2019-2020 National LAOH Irish History Writing Contest Judging Criteria to assist each Judge in recording student scores.
19. Each paper is to be evaluated using the Judging criteria. The questions in each category on the Judging criteria sheet are suggested questions and are not limiting criteria for the Judges, but rather they are provided to assist the Judges with minimum criteria to use when evaluating each student paper.

20. The Judges should also review the 2019-2020 National LAOH Student Information and Contest Rules prior to evaluating each student paper.
21. A total of 7 essays per Level may be submitted from the Division to the County by December 15, 2019. When submitting to the next level send all 4 copies of each winning essay.
22. A total of 7 essays per Level can be submitted from the County Board to the State Board by January 15, 2020. **Remember to send all 4 copies of each essay.**
23. If there is no County structure in your State, the winning essays will be submitted to the State by January 15, 2020. Remember to send all 4 copies of the winning essays.
24. A total of 7 essays per Level for each State can be submitted to the National Irish Historian by February 15, 2020. Remember to send all 4 copies of each essay.
25. Judging on the National Level will start on February 15, 2020. Awards for both Levels will be First, Second, Third and 2 Honorable Mentions. Any papers received after February 15, 2020 will be disqualified.
26. Winners will be announced on March 30, 2020.