

**NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

Topic for 2017–2018

Christopher Columbus, an Italian, managed to convince a Spanish monarch to fund his voyage. Discuss the reasons why a monarch from one country would be interested in hiring an explorer from a foreign country to complete such an important mission. What convinced the Spanish monarchy to support Christopher Columbus instead of Spanish explorers?

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

NUMBER OF WORDS IN ESSAY: _____

DIRECTIONS FOLLOWED: (All must be answered affirmatively)

1. FORM: Handwritten in black ink, typed or prepared on computer or word processor with non-script font no smaller than 12 pt. and no larger than 14 pt.
(ESSAY MUST BE STUDENT'S OWN WORK) Yes? _____ No? _____

2. NUMBER OF WORDS: Yes? _____ No? _____
800–1,200
(All words count. Title page and bibliography excluded.
Dates count as one word.)

3. TITLE PAGE: The following must be listed on the title page: Yes? _____ No? _____
 - Title of Essay: **“Advantages and Disadvantages of Working Relationships Between Foreign Parties”**
 - Contestant's full name and address
(includes street, rural route, or PO Box, city, state, zip code)
Note: If the school's regulations prohibit providing the student's contact information, then contact information for the school may be substituted.
 - Contestant's phone number and area code
 - Contestant's e-mail address, if available
 - Name of contestant's school and grade level
 - Name of sponsoring DAR chapter
 - Number of words in essay

JUDGING BASED UPON: (must have a bibliography or is disqualified)

1. Completeness of title page (1 to 5 points) _____
 2. Historical accuracy (1 to 25 points) _____
 3. Adherence to subject (1 to 15 points) _____
 4. Organization of material (1 to 10 points) _____
 5. Originality (1 to 10 points) _____
 6. Interest (1 to 10 points) _____
 7. Spelling and punctuation (1 to 10 points) _____
 8. Grammar (1 to 10 points) _____
 9. Bibliography (1 to 5 points) _____
- Total Points _____

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

(A copy of this guide should be given to each judge and final points tabulated by chair. Chair can determine if title page is correct instead of judge, if desired.)