

2009 - 2010  
IRISH HISTORY  
WRITING CONTEST

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Eligible: All children in levels 6-12  
attending public, private, parochial and home schools.



Level 1 - Grades 6, 7, 8:  
"Role of Women in 1916 Rebellion"  
(Not less than 500 or more than 1000 words)

Level 2 - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12:  
"The Irish Playing the Game: The Sports of the World"  
(Not less than 750 or more than 1500 words)



National Awards

	Level 1	Level 2
First Prize	\$500	\$1000
Second Prize	250	500
Third Prize	125	250
Honorable Mention	50	100
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**NATIONAL LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**  
**Irish History Writing Contest**  
**2009-2010**

Theresa O'Connell, National Irish Historian

This contest will be held in every state or district where the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians has an established Division. The State Historians will submit FIVE (5) writings on each level: First, Second, Third Place and Two (2) Honorable Mentions to the National Historian on the National Level.

Historians will send five entries from each level as follows:

- Divisions send five(5) entries from each level to County
- Counties send five(5) entries from each level to State
- States send five(5) entries from each level to National

**Time:** Contest Opens August, 2009

**Deadlines for the contest are:**

Division-January 3, 2010

County-February 3, 2010

State-March 3, 2010

National-April 3, 2010

**SUBJECTS:** Level 1 grades 6, 7, 8:

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Level 2 grades 9, 10, 11, 12:

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<b>National Prizes:</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>
<b>First Prize</b>	\$1000	\$500
<b>Second Prize</b>	500	250
<b>Third Prize</b>	250	125
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	100	50
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1. All Irish History Writing Contest entries must be double spaced and may be legibly hand written or typed, on **one side** of the paper **only**. Typeface may **NOT** exceed 12 point.
2. Each writing must have a separate cover sheet with:
  - Contestant's Name, home address, and age
  - Contestant's School Name, School Address and Grade Level

Number of words in essay, exclusive of cover page, introduction and bibliography  
Subject

**Writing Guidelines:**

- Be sure to submit writing. Do not simply list facts. Show that you know and understand your subject and give your opinion or interpretation. You may set the scene by giving facts then drawing your conclusion. This contest is intended to produce essays which show that students have researched, read about and understood the subject and formed their own opinions. The writing should not be just a recap of facts and others' opinions, comments or observations.
- Be careful to stick to the topic.
- Be sure to give the source credit if you quote someone else's work. Every time you borrow someone else's words, facts or ideas, you must DOCUMENT the source - that is give a reference telling readers that you borrowed the material and where you borrowed it from. Although this is not a research paper, information in the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers is a good reference tool for writing and citing sources. List only those sources that contribute to the development of your writing. Be sure **NOT** to use exact words from your sources without giving credit. **If you do so, you are committing plagiarism.**
- Be sure to include a bibliography, or a list of sources on the information you used. When assembling a final bibliography, list your sources in alphabetical order by authors' last names. Sources that don't have authors such as encyclopedias, should be alphabetized by title.
- Drawings, maps, etc., should **not** be included in the Writings
- Only original and unmarked writings (i.e. no corrections, judges' marks) will be accepted for the Writing Contest
- All winners and non winners will receive certificates.

Essays will be judged by persons competent in the areas of English composition and Irish Culture who will fairly assess the originality of the presentation and knowledge of the subject matter as well.

## HOW TO WRITE A BIBLIOGRAPHY

by Rich Gubitosi, Nathan Straus Young Adult Library

A bibliography is an alphabetical list of all the sources you used when researching an essay or paper.

You will find it easier to prepare your final bibliography if you keep track of each book, encyclopedia, or article you use as you are reading and taking notes. You'll want to keep track of the full title, author, place of publication, publisher, and date of publication for each source.

Every citation in a bibliography should include the author and title. If it is a book, it should also include the date and place of publication. If it is an article, it should include the magazine or newspaper title, volume number, year or date of publication and appropriate page numbers.

When assembling a final bibliography, list your sources (texts, articles, interviews, and so on) in alphabetical order by authors' last names. Sources that don't have authors (encyclopedias, movies) should be alphabetized by title.

**Below is a general guide to formatting a bibliography.**

### Book with one author:

Author (last name, first name). Title of the book. City: Publisher, Date of publication.

EXAMPLE:

Buffa, Liz. Research Paper Smart. New York: Random House, 1997.

### Book with two authors:

Author's last name, first name, and second author's full name. Title. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

EXAMPLE:

Lackey, Mercedes and Larry Dixon. Owlknight. New York: Daw Books, 1999.

### Book with an editor:

Editor's last name, first name, ed. Title. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

EXAMPLE:

Kizer, Carolyn, ed. 100 Great Poems by Women. New Jersey: The Ecco Press, 1995.

### Encyclopedia article:

Encyclopedia Title, Edition Date. Volume Number, "Article Title," page numbers.

EXAMPLE: The Encyclopedia Britannica, 1997. Volume 7, "Gorillas," pp. 50-51.

### Short story or chapter of a book:

Author's last name, first name. "Title." Title of the book that the source comes from. Editor (ed.) of the book's full name. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication. Pages of the source.

EXAMPLE: Buell, Lawrence. "Moby-Dick as Sacred Text." New Essays on Moby Dick. Ed. Richard Broadhead. Cambridge: University of Cambridge Press, 1986. 53-72.

Journal article:

Author's last name, first name. "Title of article." Magazine title volume number: issue number (year of publication): page numbers.

EXAMPLE: Carlin, David R. Jr. "Why Catholic Liberal Should Settle for Half a Loaf." America 176:2 (1997): 11-15.

Magazine article:

Author's last name, first name. "Article title." Magazine title date of publication: page numbers.

EXAMPLE: Jerome, Richard and Margaret Nelson. "Deadly Game?" People Sept 23, 2002: 221-2.

Newspaper article:

Author's last name, first name. "Article title." Newspaper title [city of publication, if not in title] date of publication, edition if necessary: section if necessary: page numbers.

EXAMPLE: Martinez, Jose. "Airline: Doomed pilot well trained." Daily News [New York] Oct 31 2002: 26.

A person:

Full name (last name first). Occupation. Date of interview.

EXAMPLE: Smeckleburg, Sweets. Bus driver. April 1, 1996.

A film:

Title, Director, Distributor, Year.

EXAMPLE: Braveheart, Dir. Mel Gibson, Icon Productions, 1995

CD-ROM:

Disc title: Version, Date. "Article title," pages if given. Publisher.

EXAMPLE: Compton's Multimedia Encyclopedia: Macintosh version, 1995. "Civil rights movement," p.3. Compton's Newsmedia.

Email message:

Author of message, (Date). Subject of message. Electronic conference or bulletin board (Online).

Available e-mail: [LISTSERV@](mailto:LISTSERV@) e-mail address

EXAMPLE: Ellen Block, (September 15, 1995). New Winners. Teen Booklist (Online). Helen Smith@wellington.com

Website:

Site name. Date of last update. Author. Date you accessed the site <URL>

EXAMPLE: U. S. Department of Education (ED) Home Page. 29 Sept. 1999. US Dept. of Education. 1 Oct. 1999 <<http://www.ed.gov/index.html>>.