



FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Annual Essay Contest

Prizes awarded:

[for each grade]

1st place: \$250

2nd place: \$150

Prizes
provided by
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the FBCHC

Entries

Due:

October 30

4th Grade

Faces of Fort Bend

Explore the life of one of the following notable individuals. Essays should include information about their residence in Fort Bend County, their life experiences and their important contributions of historical significance.

- Arizona Fleming
- Marcario Garcia
- Churchill Fulshear Jr.
- Jesse Dew Agnew

7th Grade

Moments in Time

Explore one of these major events that impacted the history and legacy of Fort Bend County. Essays should include information such as the location of event, time/date, key individuals, causes and effects, historical significance or impact on present day.

- Sugar Land 95 Discovery
- Settlement of the Old 300
- Stafford vs. FBISD
- Terry vs. Adams



2023 ESSAY CONTEST

RULES & RESOURCES

RULES

1. Essays should be created using 12 point type in Times New Roman font.
2. Essays should be submitted in pdf format via email to:
HistoricalCommission@fortbendcountytexas.gov
3. Essays must be received by 5:00 pm on October 30, 2023
4. 4th Grade Essays should be between 500 – 750 words (2-3 pages)
5. 7th Grade Essays should be between 750 – 1000 words (3-4 pages)
6. All essays must contain a bibliography with at least 4 references, at least two of which must be primary sources. The bibliography is not part of the word count. A primary source provides first-hand information, an original account produced by a person who experienced an event, issue or topic themselves (might also include data and surveys).
7. All essays must contain a title page with the name of the student, the title of the essay, and the name of the school or home address if homeschooled. The title page is not part of the word count.
8. 4th Grade Essay Topic: *Faces of Fort Bend* – Explore the life of one of the following notable individuals. Essays should include information about their residence in Fort Bend County, their life experiences, and their important contributions of historical significance – Arizona Fleming, Marcario Garcia, Churchill Fulshear, Jr., or Jesse Dew Agnew.
9. 7th Grade Essay Topic: *Moments in Time* – Explore one of these major events that impacted the history and legacy of Fort Bend County. Essays should include information such as the location of the event, time/date, key individuals, causes and effects, and historical significance or impact on the present day – Sugar Land 95 Discovery, Settlement of The Old 300, Stafford vs FBISD, or Terry vs. Adams.

4th GRADE ESSAY RESOURCES

The following are some suggested resources for the start of students research into the topics. They should not be considered an exhaustive list, and it is expected that the student will conduct his/her own research, beyond these resources, utilizing various museums, library collections, and other sources.

Arizona Fleming

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/fleming-arizona>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_Fleming

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MON918ZLKM>

Marcario Garcia

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/marcario-garcia>

https://cemetery.tspb.texas.gov/pub/user_form.asp?pers_id=11142

<https://abc13.com/marcario-garcia-sgt-houston-medal-of-honor-recipient-latino/11229699/>

<http://www.jfklulac.com/marcario-garcia.html>

Churchill Fulshear, Jr.

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/fulshear-churchill-jr>

https://fulsheartexas.gov/about_us/history.php

<https://www.fortbendmuseum.org/blog/fulshear-pittsville-and-the-one-decision-that-completely-changed-their-futures>

Jesse Dew Agnew

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/62520378/jessie-north-agnew>

<https://www.fbhistory.org/dewalt-heritage-center.html>

<https://historicalcommission.fortbendcountytexas.gov/Oral-Histories/Nancy-Stephenson-Woods-Interview.pdf>

<https://historicalcommission.fortbendcountytexas.gov/Oral-Histories/Linda-LS-Muffie-Moroney-Interview.pdf>

Visit the Dewalt Heritage/Dew House in Kitty Hollow Park, 9555 Hwy 6 South, Missouri City

7th GRADE ESSAY RESOURCES

The following are some suggested resources for the start of students research into the topics. They should not be considered an exhaustive list, and it is expected that the student will conduct his/her own research beyond these resources.

Sugar Land 95 Discovery

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/sugarland95>

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2021/02/27/houston-newsmakers-the-cruel-tragedy-of-the-sugar-land-95/>

Visit the Bullhead Convict Labor Camp Cemetery and the Sugar Land 95 Exhibit, 12300 University Blvd., Sugar Land

Settlement of The Old 300

Paul N. Spellman, *Old 300: Gone To Texas*(CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform 2014).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Three_Hundred

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/old-three-hundred>

Stafford vs FBISD

<https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellatecourts/F2/594/73/526/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stafford_Municipal_School_District

<https://www.staffordtx.gov/366/Creation-of-the-Stafford-Municipal-Schoo>

Terry vs Adams

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/345/461/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOpFfRhATQ8>

Visit the Fort Bend Museum, 410 S. 5th Street, Richmond