



## **White Rose Society Essay Contest "CHILDREN AND THE HOLOCAUST"**

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A poet once remarked that the death of a child is the loss of infinite possibilities. What, then, can be said about the more than one-and-a-half million Jewish children who were murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust years (1933-1945)? Of course, many more boys and girls suffered unimaginable hardships and bore witness to the brutality of the Nazis. Some survived. Many did not. Regardless of how experiences varied from country to country, children's lives were changed forever. The purpose of this essay contest is to record the stories that must be told to yesterday's, today's and tomorrow's children.

**Part A:** Research the history of a specific child or youth (Wikipedia not an acceptable source) who was caught in or witnessed the events of the Holocaust in Europe. This person could have lived in a ghetto, been hidden, carried out clandestine activities, been a part of a kinder transport, known the horrors of concentration camps and/or experienced the Holocaust in a myriad of other ways. He or she could have been a Jew or a non-Jew, or have been a part of a family or a group of children suffering the same fate. Describe the conditions under which this individual lived during the Holocaust and the circumstances that impacted his/her life during the Holocaust years. If he or she survived, briefly explain what happened after 1945.

**Part B:** Tell how learning about the Holocaust through the personal story of this one individual makes the Holocaust more meaningful to you! The writer's understanding of this topic is very important so insure that history will not repeat itself.

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**Papers must be delivered in person or mailed to: The Jewish Federation of Peoria,  
2000 Pioneer Pkwy. Suite 10B, Peoria, IL 61615.  
Phone: 309-689-0063**

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**Entry deadline - Feb.11, 2022**  
**Open to Students 7/8 grade**  
**Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties;**  
**Public, Parochial and home schooled.**

**Prizes:**  
**\$200 first Place**  
**\$125 Second Place**  
**\$100 Third Place**

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## **Criteria, content and Mechanical specifications**

1. **The essay and completed Entry Form, signed by the student and parent, must be postmarked no later Feb. 11, 2022,. No late entries will be judged.**
2. Each contestant is limited to one entry per year. Participants from previous years may enter again if they have not previously won.
3. Essays will be evaluated on development of content and theme, original expression, historical accuracy, grammar and mechanics. They must meet the following criteria:
  - Adherence to theme - details about an actual child or youth, boy or girl, who experienced the Holocaust;
  - Evidence of historical research - comprehensive and accurate; not written in the first-person or as fiction; substantial supporting detail with a minimum of direct quotes. Minimum of 3 sources-each source must be used and sited on a Works Cited page.
  - Synthesis of information - gathered from a variety of electronic and non- electronic sources, all properly cited; all citation styles are accepted, but citations must be consistent; internal citations, footnotes, or endnotes are acceptable. Wikipedia not an acceptable source.
  - Essays must be free of plagiarism - those passages copied directly from other sources, without proper citations, or containing vast amounts of quoted or minimally paraphrased material are subject to disqualification.
  - Personal insight – describing own feelings and using a creative writing style;
  - Typed - double-spaced on 8 1/2” x 11” plain white paper, with one-inch margins and size 12 font; use only one side of the paper, 2 page minimum;
  - Maximum of 500 words; all words in the body of the essay are counted in the total; internal citations do not count. Essay must include a well developed introduction with body and conclusion;
  - Error-free – no more than two errors in grammar, spelling or other mechanics;
  - Completed entry form - original signatures where indicated.
4. All entries become property of the Jewish Federation of Peoria and will not be returned. All papers will be judged anonymously by educators. Decisions of the judges are final.
5. **Additional information and suggested links can be found on: [www.jewishpeoria.org](http://www.jewishpeoria.org) and [www.peoriaholocaustmemorial.org](http://www.peoriaholocaustmemorial.org). Materials are available at the Federation office as well, you may reach us 309-689-0063.**
6. **Entries for this contest, including the Entry Form, should be mailed to:  
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