

# White Rose Student Essay Contest

## GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS

- Entries are limited to 1,200 words. This includes the body of the paper only. It does not include the cover sheet, title, footnotes, or bibliography. Papers exceeding this limit, even by one word, will be disqualified. Students should use the “Word Count” function on their computers. We will.
- **MCHE encourages teachers to utilize this writing contest as a classroom exercise.** To ensure that each essay receives the full attention of our judges, however, sponsoring teachers are limited to submitting no more than 20 essays per division (8-9/10-12). Teachers should pre-screen the essays and let students know that only the top 20 will be forwarded for consideration.
- Each essay should reflect the student’s own work, guided and reviewed, but not edited in detail by the sponsoring teacher. Teachers should take care in attesting to compliance with contest requirements. A completed entry form with authentic, original (not photocopied) signatures must accompany each essay.
- In previous years, some students have inadvertently accessed sites with inaccurate information. Therefore, we strongly recommend that students link to reliable web sites through [www.mcchekc.org](http://www.mcchekc.org) and visit MCHE’s Resource Center, which houses more than 1,400 titles available for free loan. Hours are 8:30 until 5:00, Monday through Friday and until 7 PM on Wednesdays when school is in session.
- In past years, some students have left out citations of their source materials for direct quotations and paraphrased facts. Plagiarism results in disqualification.
- Entries must be postmarked NO LATER THAN Tuesday, March 31, 2009, or delivered in person to the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education office by 5:00 PM that day. Essays postmarked after the deadline, those brought to MCHE after the designated time, or essays sent by fax or e- mail will not qualify for judging. (NO EXCEPTIONS!)