



GUIDELINES:

- Essays should be typed and double-spaced, to a maximum of 1,200 words.
- A cover page should include the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, teacher's name and school name
- All research sources must be properly acknowledged according to the standard Modern English Association format.
- Please visit http://vhec.org/school_programs.html for additional research and essay preparation tips.

The VHEC encourages teachers to review student research sources and submissions. Teachers are asked to limit submissions to three essays per class.

2010 LEHRER STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

A prize of \$300 will be awarded to a BC secondary school student for the best essay submitted on one of the topics below. The award will be presented at the 35th Annual High School Symposium on the Holocaust at UBC in May 2010.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2010

PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:

info@vhec.org **or** Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre
50 – 950 West 41st Ave, Vancouver BC, V5Z 2N7

TOPICS:

1) A CENTURY OF GENOCIDE

Define genocide. Research and discuss the history of a genocide that took place in the twentieth or twenty-first centuries and discuss it in relationship to the Holocaust. Possibilities include the genocides of Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda, “ethnic cleansing” in the former Yugoslavia and current events in Darfur.

2) THE 1936 OLYMPICS

In 1936, the Nazi regime tempered its racism and militarism while hosting the Winter and Summer Olympics. Today, questions about the legacy of these controversial Games remain. Whose Olympics were they? Were they the Nazi Olympics – a propaganda success for the Nazi state? Or, were they the Jesse Owens’ Olympics, where the record-breaking achievements of one of the world’s greatest athletes successfully challenged Nazi racial ideology? Research the 1936 Olympics and write a response to these questions. Knowledge gained during a visit to the VHEC’s exhibit, *More Than Just Games: Canada & the 1936 Olympics*, can be cited in the essay.

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