

# 2005 / 2006 National Winners



Congratulations to students for their intense research and excellent writing! Nearly 2,500 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from public, private, parochial schools and home-schooling regions competed nationwide, with American student participation as far away as Germany and Mexico. To ensure fair and anonymous judging, students' names, schools, home localities and other identifying information did not appear on the essays. Identified only by an identification number, student entries were judged strictly upon research, historical accuracy, knowledge and analysis of subject matter, supporting evidence, adherence to the topic, originality, and writing skills.



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## **\$3,000 FIRST-PLACE ESSAY AWARD**

### **MICHAEL NITZ**

McHenry High School West Campus  
McHenry, Illinois

TEACHER: Mr. Cary Waxler

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## **\$1,500 SECOND-PLACE ESSAY AWARD**

### **ANNA MOSTELLER**

Atlee High School  
Mechanicsville, Virginia  
TEACHER: Ms. Saundra Watkins

[Essay](#)

## **\$750 THIRD-PLACE ESSAY AWARD**

### **CASEY DIGNAN**

New Hope-Solebury High School  
New Hope, Pennsylvania

TEACHER: Mr. Jon Gonsiewski

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## **Honorable Mention**

### **JESSICA BLOOM**

Clarkstown High School South  
West Nyack, New York  
TEACHER: Mr. Ken Glotzer

### **SUDIPTA DEVANATH**

Nansemond-Suffolk Academy  
Suffolk, Virginia  
TEACHER: Ms. Mary Williams

### **MICHAEL KIM**

Airline High School  
Bossier City, Louisiana  
TEACHER: Ms. Angela Pugh

### **NATASHA RAJ KUMAR**

Hershey High School  
Hershey, Pennsylvania  
TEACHER: Ms. Rhauni Gregory

### **VICTORIA SHINKAROVSKY**

Wissahickon High School  
Ambler, Pennsylvania  
TEACHER: Mr. Guy Fiorentino

### **TIMOTHY TISHMAN**

Yorktown High School  
Arlington, Virginia  
TEACHER: Mr. Kevin Briscoe

### **MARYANNE TOMAZIC**

Freehold High School,  
Freehold, New Jersey  
TEACHER: Ms. Marina Kerber