

**Americanism Essay Contest Rules for Schools  
Group II  
(Grades 6 and 7)  
2023-2024**

**Title: Why is voting important?**

**Eligibility:** All pupils in grades (6 and 7) known as Group II shall be eligible to compete.

Length: Essay shall contain **200-300 words**. All words shall be counted including the title.

Awards: Unit	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
District	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Department	1st Prize-\$100.00	2nd Prize-\$50.00	

**Deadline Date: January 18, 2024**

**Rules:**

- A. Titles must be **exactly** as specified in TITLE above.
- B. All teachers must be provided the copies of the rules.
- C. Subject to be announced to students and a set time allowed by teachers for research. Essay to be handwritten in ink (IN ENGLISH ONLY), on one side of paper. Computer generated essays are also accepted. All essays must be written in the classroom under teacher supervision. Students should make copies of the essay submitted.
- D. Each teacher will be asked to have all students in the classroom participate under the established essay contest rules provided by the Unit Chairman.
- E. The student will put their name, grade level, teacher's name and the name of their school on the back of their essay.
- F. All essays will be placed by the teacher in an envelope; the teacher will seal the envelope and identify on the outside of the envelope their name, room number, grade level and the name of the school. They will turn the envelope containing essays in to the school office.
- G. The Unit Chairman will be responsible for picking up and returning the essays.
- H. Quoted material must be enclosed in quotation marks and the student must give simple bibliography stating source and reference to help the judges differentiate between original and quoted material.

Unit Americanism Chairman **Carol Markel**

Address **market.carol1@yahoo.com**

Phone number **714-580-6634**

Mailing Address:

**Carol Markel  
ALA 291 Newport Harbor  
PO Box 11448  
Newport Beach, CA 92658**

**NOTE TO TEACHERS**

Rules should be explained and followed carefully.  
Essays will be judged exactly by the above rules

WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ESSAY CONTEST TITLES FROM TEACHERS  
AND/OR THEIR STUDENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR – PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE DATE  
FOR SUBMISSION OF SUGGESTIONS IS NOV 1st TO DEPT CHAIRMAN – PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED  
TO SELECTED TITLES