

Competitions for History

a) Simpson Prize

The History Teachers' Association of Australia (HTAA), together with HTAA State affiliates, conducts this competition for **Year 9 and 10** students on behalf of the Australian Government. The focus of the competition is the Australian ANZAC tradition and students are asked to write an essay of 1200 to 1500 words, or prepare an audio-visual presentation of not more than 10 minutes accompanied by a written explanation of up to 400 words, on a given statement every year.



The **2017 Simpson Prize** question is: *"The experience of Australian soldiers on the Western Front in 1916 has been largely overlooked in accounts of World War One. To what extent would you argue that battles such as Fromelles and Pozieres should feature more prominently in accounts of World War One?"* and requires students to respond to the question using a minimum of three of the sources from the 2017 Simpson Prize Australian War Memorial Source Selection at <https://www.awm.gov.au/education/simpson-prize/> and their own research. **ENTRIES CLOSE 11 NOVEMBER 2016.**

The Simpson Prize is a great opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students to participate in a nationwide essay competition, giving them the chance to win an unforgettable 2 week trip to Turkey as well as a preparatory trip to Canberra. The winners from each State and Territory will travel together to Gallipoli for the Anzac Day Service in April 2017. For further details go to <http://www.simpsonprize.org> or see Mrs Bolam bolamd@shalomcollege.com

Rory Delaney received a 'Highly Commended' in this competition for his research last year.

b) 2016 QHTA Historical Writing Competition

Students in years 7 to 12 from Queensland Schools are invited to submit an essay or written response of some other appropriate genre (a report, diary entries, newspaper article, play, script etc) or a multi-modal response (11 and 12 only). The topic may relate to any historical period. The hypothesis or question to which the piece of writing is intended to respond must be clearly stated and must be historical in the sense that it addresses an issue concerned with **causes or consequences or change of continuity in human affairs in an identified time period**. It must also have been formulated as in response to close analysis of a **range of historical sources**.

The entry may relate to a topic studied during the student's history studies at school and must be the original work of the student, in that the student has not received more assistance than is usually given during the researching and writing of text submitted for assessment.

Each school may submit no more than three entries in each of Years 7-10. In Years 11 and 12 a maximum of three Ancient History essays and three Modern History essays may be submitted at each year level as well as one Year 11 or 12 multi-modal entry for Ancient and one Year 11 or 12 multi-modal entry in Modern History.

Entries Close: Friday, 16 September 2016

In 2015, Year 12 Shalom student Sarah Grimes won first prize in this state wide competition, Natasha Phillips and Theodor Delaney were Highly Commended.



c) The **National History Challenge** is a research-based competition for students. It gives your students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community and exploring their own roots. It emphasizes and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation.

The theme for 2016 is '**Triumph or Tragedy**'. Students produced entries in one of three formats: an individual research paper, a museum display, or other formats - such as a multi-media format (audio/video/website), a performance, or any other form of creative representation. Except for the individual (one person) research paper, students worked alone or in groups of up to four people. Students in year ten may rework their assignment for Semester One.

Due Date: 26 August 2016

More information at <http://www.historychallenge.org.au>

All students from Years 7 to 12 who are interested in all or any of these competitions, please email your interest to Mrs Bolam bolamd@shalomcollege.com before the holidays. Lunch time and after school will be given to assist you with your entry.

Mrs Bolam