

Robert H. Jackson

by Gail Jarrow

Official Essay Contest for 9th - 12th Graders

Contest Rules and Enrollment Form

BOOK PROJECTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Feb. 26, 2010

ROBERT H. JACKSON: New Deal Lawyer, Supreme Court Justice, Nuremberg Prosecutor is the engaging biography of Robert H. Jackson written by award-winning author Gail Jarrow and published by Calkins Creek/Boyd's Mills Press. The book details the journey of Justice Jackson from his birth in rural Pennsylvania and his childhood in western New York through his rise to become a valued member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal inner circle during the Great Depression; United States attorney general while the nation prepared for World War II; associate justice of the United States Supreme Court when it ruled on significant cases such as *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*; and United States chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trial following World War II.

Contest Theme

How does the life of Robert H. Jackson demonstrate the importance of citizen action and civic participation in our representative democracy?

Entry Format...please follow these directions:

- Contest submissions must be PowerPoints, websites, Podcasts or videos.
- PowerPoints can be no longer than 30 pages/slides.
- Websites must contain text and graphics, and contain at least 5 pages.
- Podcasts and videos should be no longer than 10 minutes in duration.
- Your project must address the theme: ***How does the life of Robert H. Jackson demonstrate the importance of citizen action and civic participation in our representative democracy?***
- Use examples from the book, as well as historic and present-day examples to support your answer to this question. Your project will be judged on how well you answer the question with specific examples, and on how clearly your project communicates the theme. Please be mindful of copyright laws.
- At some point in your presentation, explain the importance of Ms. Jarrow's book to you personally.

Winner

- The winner, selected from throughout New York State, will be notified by mail.
- Winners will be awarded a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond
- Acceptance of the prize constitutes permission to use winner's name, likeness and essay for public relations purposes without additional compensation or consent.
- Winning project will be linked on the Robert H. Jackson Center and the New York Bar Association's website. Neither organization is responsible for any liability associated with the acceptance of the prize.

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Requirements

- You must be a 9th through 12th grade student in New York State.
- You must complete the “Contest Enrollment Form” below and include it with your project.
- You must follow the “Entry Format” (see above).
- Your submission must be an original work of scholarship.
- All sources must be listed.
- Deadline will be strictly observed.

Contest Submissions

Entries are to be submitted to your classroom teacher. Each participating *teacher* should select and send only *one project per class. Non-school organizations and home school teachers should call LYC prior to sending entries (518 486-1748).*

Please mail entries and enrollment forms in one packet to:

Law, Youth & Citizenship Program

New York State Bar Association

One Elk Street

Albany, NY 12207

The envelope should indicate: *Robert H. Jackson Essay Contest.*

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Essay Contest Enrollment Form

Student’s Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

County: _____ Home phone: _(____) _____

School you attend: _____

School Phone:(____)_____

Current grade: _____

Teacher’s Name: _____

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WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY MARCH 19, 2010.

Judging Criteria

The projects will be judged for content, organization, clarity, style and theme development. Contest directions MUST be followed. The judging panel will be comprised of teachers and educators selected by the Law, Youth & Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association. The decisions of the judges are final, and all entries become the property of the NYSBA Law, Youth and Citizenship Program and of the Robert H. Jackson Center. Immediate family members of the Jackson Center or its employees are ineligible.