

**Robert H. Jackson**

**by Gail Jarrow**

Official Essay Contest for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Contest Rules and Enrollment Form

**BOOK ESSAYS 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.

**Essay Contest Theme**

***How did Robert H. Jackson's life show us how to protect the civil and human rights of others?***

**Essay Format...please follow these directions:**

1. Your essay must be between 300 and 500 words in length.
2. Use complete sentences.
3. In your introduction, address the theme: ***How did Robert H. Jackson's life show us how to protect the civil and human rights of others?*** Use examples from a book, as well as historic and present-day examples to support your answer to this question. Your essay will be judged on how well you answer the question with specific examples, and on literary style, grammar and spelling.
4. Write two or three paragraphs that support your viewpoint. Be sure to include topic sentences and cite specific examples and/or quotes from Gail Jarrow's *Robert H. Jackson*.
5. In your conclusion, use a topic sentence to rephrase your belief. Also, 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 essay will be printed and distributed by the Robert H. Jackson Center and the New York Bar Association; neither organization is responsible for any liability associated with the acceptance of the prize package.

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**Requirements**

- You must be a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student in New York State.
- You must complete the “Essay Contest Enrollment Form” below and staple it to your essay.
- You must follow the “Essay Format” (see above).
- Your essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and be an original work of scholarship.
- All sources must be listed.
- Deadline will be strictly observed.

**Essay Contest Submissions**

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

Please mail student 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:

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County: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone:  
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School you attend:

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School phone:  
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Current grade

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Teacher’s Name:

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**Deadline**

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WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY MARCH 19, 2010.

**Judging Criteria**

The essays 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.