

Dear Principal,

Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary as a nation in 2017, and to mark that event, the Gloucester Historical Society will have a writing contest for Grade Eight students on the theme “Life in Gloucester 1867-2017.”

Originally, all the land bordering the Ottawa River east of the Rideau River to the Cumberland boundary and south to Osgoode Township belonged to the Township of Gloucester, as shown on the attached map. Parts of the township were annexed to the City of Ottawa over the years, and eventually the incorporated City of Gloucester was amalgamated into Ottawa.

Our historical society aims to preserve and celebrate the history of this area. Since your school is in the former Township of Gloucester, we sincerely hope that your students will participate.

Entries will be three typewritten pages long or longer if maps and photos are included. A cash prize of \$150 as well as a framed certificate will be awarded to the top English and the top French entries. Second and third prize winners in both English and French will receive \$100 and \$50 respectively. We would like teachers to narrow down entries to three per class.

Closing date will be April 30, 2017, with the award being made in June 2017 at the winning schools. Entries may be in English or French, about any aspect of Gloucester history (for example: a person, place or event), with a strong focus on evidence gathered from primary and secondary sources. Some suggestions are featured on the attached page.

Our website, to aid with research, is www.gloucesterhistory.com and you may e-mail us at english@gloucesterhistory.com or français@gloucesterhistory.com with any questions or confirmation of participation.

Entries may be mailed to:

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Yours sincerely,

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