

Saratoga Historical Museum
Louise and George Cooper Historical Essay Contest
For 4th and 5th Graders Going to School in Saratoga

2018 Topic-A Day in the Life of an Ohlone Child
Criteria for Scoring the Essay

The essay must be in the child's own words. Please double space and use 14 point size font. There will be a total of 30 points possible. These points will be allotted according to the following criteria:

1. Topic sentence clearly identifies and supports essay subject.
5 points

2. Ideas
10 points
 - Establish a clear focus
 - Use descriptive language and avoid slang
 - Provide relevant information
 - Communicate ideas in a creative manner

3. Expression
10 points
 - Use correct grammar and spelling
 - Avoid slang
 - Use a variety of sentences to support the subject

4. Organization
5 points
 - Use a logical sequence of ideas
 - Write a clear summary