

**Saratoga Historical Foundation and Saratoga History
Museum
Louise and George Cooper Historical Essay Contest
For all 4th and 5th Graders going to school in Saratoga:
Public, Private and Home-School**

2017 Topic – Your Family Traditions

**Criteria for Scoring the 2017
Louise and George Cooper Essay Contest**

There will be a total of 30 points possible for an essay. 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
 -) Logical sequence of ideas
 -) Clear summary

