



CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

14TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY ESSAY CONTEST

November 11, 2011

ESSAY TOPIC:

Veterans Day gives us an opportunity to express gratitude to those who have served, or are still serving, in the armed forces, and the Tomb of the Unknowns reminds us that some make the ultimate sacrifice. Why do you think the Unknown Soldier is such a powerful symbol for our country on Veterans Day? (Be creative and detailed)

SCORING GUIDELINES

The essay will receive a score of 6 if:

The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized and includes substantial development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language with freshness of expression. Sentences vary in structure. There are few, if any, usage, punctuation or spelling errors.

The essay will receive a score of 5 if:

The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized and includes ample development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language. Sentences vary in structure. Usage, punctuation and spelling are generally correct.

The essay will receive a score of 4 if:

The writing focuses on the topic, though it may contain loosely related information. An organizational pattern is apparent. Some of the supporting ideas contain specifics and details, but others do not. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary in structure. Usage, punctuation and spelling are generally correct.

The essay will receive a score of 3 if:

The writing generally focuses on the topic, though it may contain loosely related information. An organizational pattern is demonstrated. Development of the supporting ideas may be uneven. Word choice is adequate. There is some variation in sentence structure. Usage, punctuation and spelling are generally correct.

The essay will receive a score of 2 if:

The writing addresses the topic, though it may lose focus by including extraneous information. An organizational pattern is demonstrated. Development of the supporting ideas may be non-specific. Word choice may be limited. Frequent errors may occur in sentence construction, usage, punctuation and spelling.

The essay will receive a score of 1 if:

The writing addresses the topic, though it may lose focus by including extraneous and loosely related ideas. The organizational pattern is weak. Ideas are presented through lists and limited or inappropriate word choice. Frequent errors may occur in sentence construction, usage, punctuation and spelling.



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