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# STATEN ISLAND TIME MACHINE: CIVIL WAR

For individual student participation:

## STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

For classroom participation:

## TEACHER/SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

PRINCIPAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER & SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for submissions is 4:00pm, Friday, February 3, 2012**

Essays can be mailed or hand delivered to the Museum.

Staten Island Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Place, SI, NY 10301





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7<sup>th</sup> Annual Essay Contest for Students  
Grades 5 - 12



## What is the *Staten Island Time Machine*?

The Museum's 2011 creative writing contest for students will focus on **Staten Island in the years surrounding the Civil War**. The contest will motivate and inspire students and their teachers to consider life in the past as they use documents & images from the Museum's History Archive and Art Collection.

This year, the Museum is asking students to write a creative story of historical fiction from **the point of view of a time traveler visiting Staten Island during the Civil War era**. Each classroom leader or school librarian interested in participating will receive a *Mini Archive* containing copies of primary and secondary source documents and materials from our archives. Opportunities for further research and locations where students can see real objects are included, as well as the opportunity to have a Museum Educator present the project to your classroom. Classes are encouraged to build upon the documents with other related materials-relative to this rich period of Staten Island history.

## Eligibility & Criteria

Grades	Length	Criteria
5-6	4 pages, 1 front page illustration	Connections to at least 3 reference materials in the mini-archive, 3 other sources of research outside the mini-archive, a bibliography.
7-8	5-6 pages, double spaced on 8 ½ x 11 paper, 12pt, 1 front page illustration	
9-12	5-8 pages, double spaced on 8 ½ x 11 paper, 12pt, 1 front page illustration	

Entries should **not have identifying names on the front** of their work. Classroom teachers should check that each student's name, class, teacher, and school address and telephone # is neatly printed on the **upper left side on each essay's back page**.

**\*Please note that cover art plays no role in the judgment of essays.**



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## To Enter:

Participating classroom teachers whose students will compete must register by contacting the Museum's Education Department at 718.727.1135 ext. 103 or downloading a registration form at [StatenIslandMuseum.org](http://StatenIslandMuseum.org) and sending it to us.

## Important Dates:

**December 20** Call to sign up and receive your mini-archive.

**February 3** Essays must be delivered to the Museum at 75 Stuyvesant Place, SI NY 10310 (in St. George) no later than 5PM.

**March 1** Winners will be announced.

**March 18** Winners Award Presentation and Celebration.

## Judging:

Community Historians & Community Leaders will be invited to judge the submissions based on the criteria listed. All judgments are final.

## Prizes!

Prizes (monetary bonds) and financial support for the contest has been made possible by Mr. John Atkins of *NY Container Terminal, TD Bank, Richmond County Savings Bank*, as well as in-kind gifts from *Edward Jones, Staples, Superior Chocolate, & Clem Snacks*. All participants will receive a *Certificate of Participation*.

Each age group winner receives:

- \$100 Bond and a Staten Island Museum Family Membership.
- Their winning essay's cover page framed as a gift for each participant.
- Teachers with winning students will receive: a \$100 Membership to the *Staten Island Museum* and a classroom supply gift certificate.
- A class trip to the Staten Island Museum or History Archive.

## Winners Award Celebration:

The winners, their teachers and families are invited to the award ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Hall, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, 1000 Richmond Terrace, on Sunday, March 18, 12pm – 2pm.

Awards and the reading of the Island-wide grand prize winning essay will be followed by refreshments and music.

**The Contest Committee Co-Chairs include Debra Feaser, Charlie LaGanga, and Miss Brigid Atkins.**