



BALTIMORE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Law Day 2011 Essay Contest

LAW DAY BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day celebrates and strengthens the American heritage of Liberty, Justice and Equality under the law. It provides an opportunity to

help students and the public understand how the law protects our freedoms through programs and activities conducted by schools, bar associations, courts and civic groups.

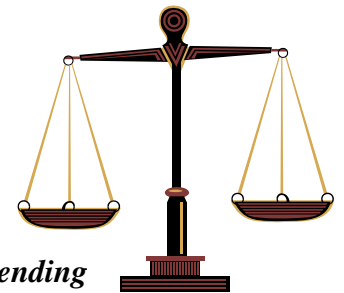
More information, planning resources and materials are available for teachers and students at www.lawday.org, and a Google® search will certainly generate many results.

Theme: *The Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guantanamo.* John Adams lived an extremely noteworthy and fulfilled life, including becoming the first lawyer-president, elected in 1797. After the Boston Massacre in 1770, Adams agreed to represent the accused, despite their public unpopularity and ably defended them at trial. Adams, through this case, reminds the public that the accused, even those who are unpopular or controversial, have the right to be defended. John Adams' actions, and all cases that follow this precedent, should renew our understanding of and appreciation for the fundamental principle of the rule of law. His noble example is being followed today by the attorneys representing the detainees at Guantanamo in the global war on terrorism.

Identification of Submitted Essay: The cover sheet must be attached to the front of the essay, completed in full. DO NOT put any identifying information on the essay. It will be numbered when received for judging.

Prizes – \$100 for the teacher sponsoring the most entries in the contest.
1st Prize \$500.00 Savings Bond
2nd Prize \$250.00 Savings Bond
3rd Prize \$100.00 Savings Bond

All prize winners and their parents and teacher will be invited to the Law Day noon ceremony to be publicly honored by the Bar Association and the attending dignitaries, to be held on Friday, April 29, 2011.



Criteria: Essay entries will be strictly judged on the following criteria:

1. 500 words or less
2. Typed, or written legibly
3. Focus is on the theme and does not deviate
4. Spelling, punctuation and grammar
5. References to sources (Constitution, Bill of Rights, cases, etc.) are correct

Deadline: April 8, 2011

**THIS ORGANIZATION IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH
BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

ENTRY NUMBER: _____
Will be assigned by BCBA Law Day Committee

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this cover sheet and ATTACH it to your essay. DO NOT place any of this information directly on your essay, as we will be conducting a blind evaluation.

STUDENT ENTRY

A Legacy of John Adams, From Boston to Guatanamo

PLEASE PRINT (or type) LEGIBLY

NAME: _____

Home Address _____

City and Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE LEVEL _____

Name of Social Studies Teacher _____

Mail (or deliver) the completed cover sheet, ATTACHED to your essay, to:

Baltimore County Bar Association
100 County Courts Building
401 Bosley Avenue
Towson, MD 21204-4491

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE BCBA OFFICE NO
LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2011.**