



5th Grade Student Essay Contest Entry Form



2026 Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month

“This Place Matters”

Sponsored by the South Dakota State Historical Society, Historic Preservation Office

Deadline for Submission is Friday, March 13th

Please type or print clearly & fill-in completely! All information is required.

Parent/Teacher - Please review for accuracy and legibility before submitting.

Student Name _____ Gender ____ M ____ F

Parent/Guardian #1 Name _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name _____

#1 Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

#2 Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
(if different than #1's)

#1 Home/Cell Phone _____ #1 Work Phone _____

#2 Home/Cell Phone _____ #2 Work Phone _____
(if different than #1's)

#1 E-Mail _____ #2 E-Mail _____

Submitted via: public/private school ☐ home school ☐

This section is REQUIRED unless home-schooled.

Teacher Name _____ Teacher E-Mail _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____

Please print these two pages as front only!

Various signatures are required on page two.

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PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING

Title of essay:

Name and location of the subject of the essay:

ALL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED.

Originality Certification

I hereby certify that the essay is original to me and that it is not copied from any other person's work.

Student Signature

Date

Teacher Signature

Date

Entry Agreement

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read and followed the Contest Guidelines.

I also agree to give the South Dakota State Historical Society unrestricted rights and permissions to use the essay.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Questions, comments, and concerns may be directed to Katie Wasley at 605-773-2906 or katie.wasley@state.sd.us.

Please print these two pages as front only!

Please mail entry form and essay to: OR Please e-mail the entry form and essay to:

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Cultural Heritage Center
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Entry must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.

E-mailed entries must have a date & time stamp no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 13, 2026.

Winners will be notified by April 10, 2026.