

Phi Alpha Theta/World History Association

Paper Prize in World History

2008

Entries must be e-mailed or postmarked by June 30, 2008

Phi Alpha Theta and the World History Association, with a generous subvention from Pearson Prentice Hall, Inc., a publisher of history textbooks, are co-sponsoring two student paper prizes in world history, each of \$400, for the best undergraduate world history paper and the best graduate-level world history paper composed in the 2007-08 academic year.

A world history paper is one that examines any historical issue with global implications. Such studies can include, but are not limited to, the exchange and interchange of cultures, the comparison of two or more civilizations or cultures, or the study in a macro-historical manner of a phenomenon that had a global impact. For example, world history topics might include a study of the trans-cultural impact of Eurasia's Silk Road; a comparative study of the Ottoman and British empires; or the worldwide impact of the Influenza Pandemic of 1919.

To be eligible, students must be members of either The World History Association (www.thewha.org) or Phi Alpha Theta (www.phialphatheta.org/) and must have composed the paper while enrolled at an accredited college or university during 2007-2008.

The Committee will judge papers according to the following criteria: world historical scope; originality of research; depth of analysis; and prose style.

Submission guidelines:

- Submissions must be no longer than 30 typewritten, double-spaced pages of text, exclusive of the title page, endnotes, and bibliography.
- Number all pages except for the title page.
- Endnotes must conform to standard historical formats. Do not use parenthetical notes.
- The author's identity is to appear nowhere on the paper.
- A separate, unattached page should accompany the paper, identifying the author, title of paper, home address, telephone number, e-mail address, college affiliation, graduating year and status (undergraduate or graduate student), and the association (WHA or PAT) to which the person belongs. Phi Alpha Theta members must indicate the institution at which they were inducted and the year.

- A one-page (250-word) abstract must accompany each submission. Abstracts of winning papers will be published in all announcements of competition results.
- Additionally, a letter or e-mail from a relevant history faculty member (the supervising professor, the Chair of the department, or the Phi Alpha Theta chapter advisor) must attest to the fact that the paper was composed during the 2007-2008 academic year.
- Papers that do not adhere to these guidelines will be disqualified.

Submit the paper either:

- Via MS Word e-mail attachments of 1) the paper; 2) the page with identifying information; and 3) the abstract. The faculty member's letter must be e-mailed or posted separately.
- Email to the committee at: lwangerin@latinschool.org

OR

- Via hardcopy to the committee below. Hardcopy submissions must include four (4) printed copies each of the paper, the page with identifying information, the abstract, and the faculty member's letter.
- Mail to:

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Winning papers are eligible for consideration for publication in the various journals of the World History Association and Phi Alpha Theta, but no promise of publication accompanies any award.