



**Los Altos Historical Commission and Los Altos History Museum
34th Annual Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest
3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Graders**

**Rubric for Scoring
2018 Margaret Thompson Essay Contest**

There will be a total of 30 points possible for an essay. These points will be allotted according to the following criteria:

1. Topic sentence clearly identifies and supports essay prompt 5 points
2. Ideas 10 points
 - Establish a clear focus
 - Use descriptive language
 - Provide relevant information
 - Communicate ideas in a creative manner
3. Expression 10 points
 - Use grammar conventions (mechanics) effectively
 - Use interesting vocabulary
 - Use a variety of sentences
4. Organization 5 points
 - Demonstrate a sequential flow of ideas
 - Bring closure to your ideas