

Celebrating Alexandria, Va. Archaeology with an Essay Contest for Grades 6-8



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The Essay Question:

Alexandria, Va. was one of the first cities in the USA to protect its archaeology through law. Why is it important to preserve archaeology sites and artifacts?

What do I need to submit with the essay? Along with the essay, please include the student's information: Name, Address, Phone number, Email address, School name, and Current school grade.

Tell us how you heard about the contest: school, newspaper, Alexandria or FOAA website, or other.

Who is invited to participate? This essay contest is open to students in U.S. grades 6-8.

How long should the essay be? The essay should be approximately 500 to 800 words.

How will essays be judged? Essays will be judged on clarity, use of research, imagination, and thoughtfulness.

Essays will be judged by an Alexandria Archaeology staff member, two members of the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology Board, and an Alexandria educator.

How should I submit my essay? Send the essay to FOAAessaycontest@gmail.com.

When is the deadline? All submissions must be received by **November 1**.

What are the prizes? Prizes for winning essays will include publication of the essay online and on social media. The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 cash prize.