

5th Essay Contest *King Sejong "The Great"*

King Sejong The Great(1397-1450)

King Sejong was a ruler of great importance in Korean history who demonstrated the highest ideals of leadership. He ruled according to the principle that the happiness of a nation is measured by the happiness of its people, and a leader must see the happiness of his people as the ultimate goal of his rule. Believing that his people were the foundation of the country, King Sejong cared only for the well being of his people regardless of gender, age, or social status. He refused to eat in times of famine, so that he could share the suffering of his people. King Sejong embraced the suffering of his people with his heart and devoted his mind and body to them. In addition, for the welfare of his people, he invented a Korean alphabet, established a legal system and made advances in science and technology. We firmly believe that reading and writing about King Sejong's ideals and values will leave a positive impact on everyone who discovers his story.

Award

1. First Place: \$500 (One Winner)

3. Third Place: \$100 (One Winner)

2. Second Place: \$200 (One Winner)

4. *Honorable Mentions: \$50

*The Honorable Mentions will be determined by the number of entrants.

Special Awards for High Schools

\$500 will be awarded to the History Department or the Social Studies Department of High Schools whose students actively participated in the contest. **

**KSCPP will donate the funds to high schools that are interested in educating Korean history and culture. The funds should be used for the purpose of educating in Korean history and culture (e.g. teaching materials, trips to museums, etc.). The awards will be determined by the number of entrants from each high school and/or the quality of the essays submitted.

Essay Subject

Please choose only one topic below

1. What do you believe were the key achievements of the reign of King Sejong the Great?
2. Discuss the character of King Sejong, and how it influenced his actions as ruler of Korea.
3. Your thoughts on King Sejong the Great.

Required reading: King Sejong the Great: The Everlasting Light of Korea

The contents of the above book are also available at www.koreanhero.net.

If you want to receive a copy, please contact us using the information below.

Eligibility

High School students in grades 9-12

Instructions

Essays must be typed and must be between 2 to 3 pages. Each essay must have the following information listed on the cover : 1.Name 2.Age 3.Phone Number, Mailing Address & Email 4.School and Grade

To Enter:

Submit entries electronically to kscppcontest@msn.com with the subject heading, "2009 Essay Contest."

Or mail to 46-38 159th Street. Flushing, NY 11358.

Deadline:

Submissions are due online by **April 25**. The winner will be announced no later than May 24.

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