

# HELP TELL MESA'S STORY!

Show your love for Mesa and help uncover its history.

All Mesa 4th through 12th graders are invited to enter the

## 2020-2021 MESA HISTORICAL FICTION ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST

CONTEST DATES: NOVEMBER 2, 2020 to MARCH 05, 2021

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# **MESA HISTORICAL FICTION ESSAY AND VIDEO CONTEST**



The Mesa Historic Preservation Board and the Historic Preservation Office presents the **2020-2021 historical fiction writing and video contest:**

- Essay contest is for Mesa 4th, 5th, and 6th graders
- Video contest is for Mesa 6th through 12th graders

**The contests are open from November 02, 2020, to March 05, 2021**

Students can practice their writing or video editing skills and learn more about Mesa's history. Contest entries will be a historical fictional story around one of three topics:

- .1 How did water help Mesa grow? What role did water play in the growth of Mesa?
- .2 How did the Air Force Bases influence Mesa during World War II? What role did they play?
- .3 Mesa's first: schools, families, grocery stores, hardware stores, or post office (choose two).

OR students may choose to conduct an oral history interview of a Mesa citizen aged 60 or older who grew up in Mesa, and recount their story.

A committee of Historic Preservation Board Members will select the top three entries, and the **winners will be presented with their awards at a future televised Mesa City Council Meeting.**

**1st place: \$50**

**2nd place: \$30**

**3rd place: \$20**

## **WHAT IS HISTORICAL FICTION?**

Historical fiction is a story with a setting located in a real place and time in the past. Characters in the story may be imagined or may be real figures from the past, and the details and action in the story can be a mix of actual events and ones from the author's imagination. However, everything about the story should match the era in which it is set.

## **CONTEST DETAILS**

- Entries must be emailed or postmarked by March 26, 2021.
- All research sources must be cited.
- Essays will be a maximum 750 words.
- Entries must reflect the student's own research, writing, and original thinking.
- Essays may be typed or neatly written.
- Entries will not be returned to the student.
- Winning entries will be posted on the Historic Preservation Office website.

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**OR CONTACT** [historicpreservation@mesaaz.gov](mailto:historicpreservation@mesaaz.gov) **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORMS**