



The prize will be awarded for the best essay on a subject of the candidate's own choice related to the parliamentary or political history of Britain and Ireland before 1997. Although candidates for essays covering the period before 1832 are encouraged to look at and use the material on the [History of Parliament's website](#), it is not required that they should do so. Students may also find the [History of Parliament blog](#) to assist them.

Competition rules

Essays should be between 2000 and 4000 words and submitted by a member of school staff (not personally or by a parent or guardian).

The competition is open to any student at a UK school or college, preparing to study or currently studying for A levels (years 11, 12 and 13 or 16-18 y/o).

Essays should be submitted by a school, and no school should submit more than four essays.

Essays should be between 2000 and 4000 words.

Essays should be typed.

Entries should be sent to our Public Engagement Assistant, Connie Jeffery at

cjeffery@histparl.ac.uk

We regret that entries cannot be individually acknowledged, and will not be returned after the competition.

Please send one email per individual entry.

Judging will be by a panel appointed by the History of Parliament. Their decision will be final, and no correspondence can be entered into.

For each competition there will be one winner, although the judges may make special commendations if they think fit.

Please enclose the following details with each entry:

- The candidate's name
- The candidate's school and its address, with a telephone or email contact for the school, and email contact for the candidate, if they have left school.
- The candidate's age at 31 July 2020
- A declaration, signed by the teacher, saying that the work is all the candidate's own.

Prize

The winner of the competition will receive a prize of £100.

More information

For further information, visit the [competition webpage](#). For any queries, please contact us at cjeffery@histparl.ac.uk

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