

“Middletown’s Impact on History” Essay Contest

Did you know that Middletown Township is one of the oldest European settlements in New Jersey? Our recorded history goes back to the 1600s!

In an effort to promote knowledge and pride in Middletown’s rich history, the Middletown Township Historic Preservation Commission and the Middletown Township Historical Society have teamed up to encourage all middle school students to enter our first contest of the 2019-20 school year. We are looking for essays on the topic of “Middletown’s Impact on History.” Students may complete research independently or with support from their teachers and/or parents to include accurate information in their essays.

All entries should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Describe how one of the following added to Middletown’s historic importance:

- A Middletown resident (an artist, a politician, a settler, etc.)
- A place in Middletown (a church, a house, a cemetery, a neighborhood, etc.)
- An event that happened in Middletown (an invention, a military occurrence, a first of some type, etc.)

2. The essay could answer:

- Why was this person/place/event important?
- Are there any monuments to this person/place/event?
- How does the person/place/event reflect on Middletown?
- Should we do anything to ensure that this person/place/event is remembered in the future?

3. Rules:

- Entrant must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and be a Middletown resident
- The subject should have died, been built, or occurred before 1980
- Essay should be no longer than 2 double-spaced pages (size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font)
- Cover page with the student’s name, school, grade, and participating teacher (if applicable) - student names should NOT appear on the essay pages
- Entries must be sent to MTHPCNJ@gmail.com by **December 20**. Winners will be notified by early February.
- Essays will be graded by the Middletown Township Historic Preservation Commission on the basis of historical accuracy, strength of the content, and writing ability
- One winner per each grade will be named. Winners and their families will be invited to a meeting to accept a certificate and **\$50.00** courtesy of the Middletown Township Historical Society.

GOOD LUCK!



Middletown Township Historic Preservation Commission is an official advisory body to the Township that fosters awareness and appreciation for our town’s history. More info can be found at MiddletownNJ.org

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Middletown Township Historical Society is an independent non-profit that seeks to preserve and promote the history of Middletown. More info can be found at MiddletownNJHistory.org