

Saratoga Historical Foundation and Saratoga History Museum
Louise and George Cooper Historical Essay Contest
For all 4th and 5th Graders going to school in Saratoga:
public, private and home-school

2020 – Remembering Saratoga’s Railroad Connections

Criteria for Scoring the 2020 Louise and George Cooper Essay Contest

The essay must be in the child’s own words. Please double space and use font #14. There will be a total of 30 points possible. These points will be allotted according to the following criteria:

1. Topic sentence clearly identifies and supports essay subject 5 points
2. Ideas 10 points
 - Establish a clear focus
 - Use descriptive language
 - Provide relevant information
 - Communicate ideas in a creative manner
3. Expression 10 points
 - Use correct grammar and spelling
 - Avoid slang
 - Use a variety of sentences to support the subject
4. Organization 5 points
 - Logical sequence of ideas
 - Clear summary
 - Length: about 300 words

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