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**

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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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