

# 2011

## Social Studies Council of Alabama

### Essay and Poster Contest

**Diversity**



**Is important**

#### The Contest Themes

##### 1. Past – Present – Future

The issues of religion, class, race, and gender, among others, have permeated historical study and analysis for millennia. You may write or create a poster about how such diversity has affected who we are, what we believe, where we have been, and where we are going.

##### 2. The World Around Us

Human interaction with their environments and other cultures is a key concept in social studies. You may explore geographic and environmental issues that have shaped our world by writing an essay or creating a poster.

##### 3. Keeping Current

Staying abreast of our global society has become a social studies imperative. You may write or create a poster about your understanding of how governments and economic systems operate in our changing world.

*All winners will be notified by October 1st . Winning posters and essays will be displayed at the 2011 SSCA Conference held at the Lincoln Center on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Birmingham, AL .*

#### **Deadline**

**August 31, 2011**

#### **Contact information**

**Dr. Ruth Busby, SSCA Vice-President**

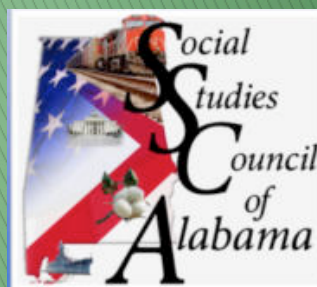
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## **Poster/Essay Requirements:**

- ▶ Posters and essays created by students must be their own original work. Copyrighted materials and characters (such as Superman) or copyrighted clip art will not be accepted. Essays can be from one to three (3) pages in length and must be typed, double spaced, using New Roman Times 12pt. font.

### **Essay should have at the top:**

- Four Class Category (See below for classification.)
- Title of essay

### **Materials:**

- ▶ Students may use a variety of media for posters, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, etc. Keep in mind winning posters and essays will be on public display at the 2011 SSCA Conference, and should be easy to see and read.

### **Size & Layout:**

- ▶ Minimum: 8 ½" x 11"  
Maximum: 18" x 24"

### **Judging Procedure:**

- ▶ Each participating class is permitted to submit up to three (3) posters and three (3) essays. How your school decides on the three (3) is up to you. Some schools may wish to have a contest and choose the entries; others may just have the teacher or principal choose.
- ▶ Each poster or essay must have the Release Form securely fastened to the back of the poster/essay. A poster/essay not accompanied by a completed Release Form will not be eligible for further judging.
- ▶ The posters/essays, with Release Forms, must be mailed or delivered by August 31, 2011 to:  
**Dr. Ruth Busby**

**Troy University – Education Department  
307 Hawkins Hall  
Troy, AL 36082**

- ▶ The posters and essays will be grouped in one of the following four grade categories - kindergarten through 3rd grade; 4th through 6th grade; 7th through 9th grade; and 10th through 12th grade.
- ▶ The three (3) best posters and three (3) best essays in each grade category will be judged based on the judging criteria listed below. First, second and third place will be awarded in each grade category.

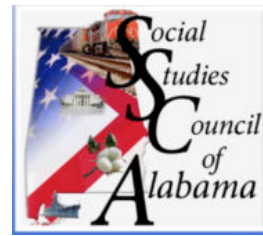
### **Judging Criteria:**

- ▶ 1. Clear message conveyed by the text and/or artwork;
- ▶ 2. The poster/essay theme is addressed;
- ▶ 3. Creativity, originality and artistic quality;
- ▶ 4. Visual clarity - easily read; and/or bright and colorful artwork.

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## 2011 RELEASE FORM



This form must be securely fastened to the back of each poster or essay.

▶ **STUDENT'S NAME**

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▶ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

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▶ **SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION**

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▶ **TEACHER/CONTACT** \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **SCHOOL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
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▶ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **TELEPHONE NUMBER & AREA CODE**  
(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **TEACHER EMAIL**

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▶ I hereby certify that this poster was created entirely by the student above and is the student's original artwork and there are no copyrighted materials or characters used.

▶ I agree that it may be offered for public display or publication at some time during or after the contest. I understand that this poster becomes the property of the Social Studies Council of Alabama and may be reproduced.

▶ The only information that will be released is your child's name, school, grade and hometown.

▶ \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **Signature of Student**

**Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian**

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▶ **Print Name**

**Print Name**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

