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DIVISION 4 GUIDELINES

Grades: 6th-8th

Students participating in Division 4 will submit an **essay** exploring the included prompt.

Contest Guidelines

- Essays must be a minimum of 500 words, typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced and include a cover page including the students name, school, teacher and grade
- Essays must be entirely the student's own work

Essay Prompt

“What does America mean to you? In your essay, describe what you think America stands for and explain why those ideas are important to you. Use examples from history, current events, or your own experiences to support your answer.”

Submission

Completed essays should be submitted to the following, who will hold them for collection by a member of the MCHPP Board of Directors **by April 10, 2026**:

Macon County Jr. High School	Red Boiling Springs School
Mr. Kevin Swindle or Mrs. Monica Wilkerson	Mr. Matthew Swoner or Mrs. Kim Davis

Division 4 Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded for Division 4:

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
\$100 America 250 Coin Set	\$50 America 250 Coin Set	\$25 America 250 Coin Set

If you have questions regarding Division 4 guidelines, please contact the **Macon County History Preservation Project**.