



ATTACHMENT D



Los Altos Historical Commission and Los Altos History Museum
39th Annual Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest
For 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Graders

2023 Margaret Thompson Essay Contest **Rubric for Scoring**

There will be a total of 30 points possible for an essay. These points will be allotted according to the following criteria:

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| 1. Beginning paragraph clearly identifies and supports essay prompt | 5 points |
| 2. Ideas | 10 points |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a clear focus• Provide relevant information• Communicate ideas in a creative manner | |
| 3. Expression | 10 points |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use interesting vocabulary and descriptive language• Use a variety of sentences• Use grammar conventions (mechanics) effectively | |
| 4. Organization | 5 points |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate a sequential flow of ideas• Be sure your closing paragraph completes your essay | |