



**We've Come  
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**Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church  
2010 Black History Essay, Oratorical, and  
Artistic Expressions Contest**

**CHILDREN**  
Kindergarten - Fifth Grade

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**Preparation Guidelines for Black History Month Essay Contest**

Each essay should include a cover page. The Cover Page should consist of the participant's name, title of the essay and the date. The name of the participant should only be written on the cover page so that their identity would remain anonymous to those evaluating essays.

Please refer to the K- 5 Rubric to specify the level of performance expected for several levels of quality.

**Third – Fifth Grade Essay Topics**

**Fifth Grade**

Compare and Contrast

Prepare a two to three page essay to compare and contrast events that prepared David to become King of Israel and events that prepared Barack Obama to become President of the United States.

**Third – Fourth Grade**

A Letter to Obama

Prepare a one to two page letter to Barack Obama that briefly describes the importance of him winning the Noble Peace Prize. Include a reflection of one event of the Civil Rights Movement and a Psalm from the Bible to offer him encouragement throughout his presidency.

**Kindergarten – Fifth Grade  
Preparation Guidelines for Black History Oratorical Contest**

Orators will be judged by their usage of the following:

1. Pitch
2. Articulation
3. Speed
4. Delivery which include use of eye contact as well as hand gestures
5. Voice Volume
6. Time
7. Content Applies to Fifth Grade Orators Only
8. Originality Applies to Fifth Grade Orators Only

**Fifth Grade Oral Recitations**

**Memorize and prepare and original response to one of the following poems. The poem and response should be no longer than 1 minute but no shorter than 30 seconds. All original responses must be memorized as well.**

Langston Hughes: “I, Too “

<http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/i-too/>

Langston Hughes: “Mother to Son”

<http://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/matason.html>

**Third – Fourth Grade Oral Recitations**

**Memorize the following poem.**

Dudley Randall – “Ballad of Birmingham”

<http://washingtonart.com/beltway/randall.html>

## **Kindergarten – Second Grade Oral Recitations**

Kindergarten – Langston Hughes: “My People”

<http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/my-people/>

First Grade – Langston Hughes: “Dream Deferred “

<http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/dream-deferred/>

Second Grade – William Herbert Brewster “I’m Determined to Be Somebody Someday”

[http://books.google.com/books?id=7K\\_5n6TJxO0C&pg=PA41&lpg=PA41&dq=William+Herbert+Brewster+-+I'm+Determined+to+Be+Somebody+Somebody&source=web&ots=Mq992Hkwcp&sig=Kqv6TpCvQ0Adq3hMHULrHF3HUUY#PPA41.M1](http://books.google.com/books?id=7K_5n6TJxO0C&pg=PA41&lpg=PA41&dq=William+Herbert+Brewster+-+I'm+Determined+to+Be+Somebody+Somebody&source=web&ots=Mq992Hkwcp&sig=Kqv6TpCvQ0Adq3hMHULrHF3HUUY#PPA41.M1)

**Kindergarten Contestants:** In addition to memorizing the poem for oral recitations, prepare a presentation of artistic expression (i.e. drawing or painting) or model (i.e. Lego or play dough) to demonstrate what the poem means to you.

**First and Second Grade Contestants:** Prepare a 3 to 5 handwritten sentence explanation of what the poem means to you. These ideas should be presented and recited prior to the oral recitation of the poem during the contest.

All orators must present their orations during the preliminary rounds on either Thursday, February 25th or Friday, February 26th before advancing to the Oratorical Contest on Saturday, February 27th at 12 noon. No parents will be allowed to enter or be present in the room during the preliminary rounds. Furthermore, contestants will not be allowed to use notes as they present their speech. Each orator should have memorized their recitation/excerpts before presenting in the preliminary round on either the 25th or 26th of February. And each contestant must bring at least one copy of their speech, selected excerpts, and original response on the day they have been assigned to present in the preliminary round. If you have advanced to the Oratorical contest after the preliminary round, you will receive a phone call from Rev. Mackey, Rev. Allen or Mrs. Lynn Mackey the night of Friday, February 26th. If you do not receive a call, it is still vitally important that you attend the Oratorical Contest the following day because the third place winners of each classification will be announced along with the first and second place winners. That very easily could be you.

## **Essay and Oratorical Workshops**

The essay and oratorical workshop is designed for students that desire to perfect their essay and/or oratorical skills. Experts in the field of oratory and literature will assist students with any questions or concerns regarding their essay and/or oration. The computer lab will be available during each workshop session.

### **Essay and Oratorical Workshop Locations**

The Essay and Oratorical Workshops for grades Kindergarten to 5th Grade will be located in the Community Life Center room 213. Middle School, High School, and College Essay Workshops will be located in room 216. Middle School, High School, and College Oratorical Workshops will be located in room 217. Please see Dates to Remember below to obtain exact dates and times.

### **Dates to Remember**

1/17/10	Sign-up for Essay, Oratorical and Artistic Expressions Contest Begin
1/30/10	Essay and Oratorical Workshop 10:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2/6/10	Essay and Oratorical Workshop 10:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2/7/10	Last Day to Sign up for Essay and Oratorical Contest
2/13/10	Essay and Oratorical Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2/14/10	Essays and Artistic Expressions are Due Must be Submitted by 3 p.m.
2/25/10	Oratorical Preliminary Rounds Upstairs in the Community Life Center 6:30 p.m.

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2/27/10 Oratorical Contest Finals and Announcement of  
Winners in All Contests  
Worship Center (GYM)  
11:00 a.m.

**2010 Black History Essay, Oratorical and Artistic Expressions  
Contest Prize List**

<b>College</b>	<b>Essay</b>	<b>Oratorical</b>	<b>Artistic Expressions</b>
1st place	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
2nd place	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
3rd place	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>High School</b>			
1st place	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
2nd place	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
3rd place	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>Middle School</b>			
1st place	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
2nd place	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
3rd place	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>5th Grade</b>			
1st place	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2nd place	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
3rd place	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>3rd-4th Grades</b>			
1st place	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2nd place	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
3rd place	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>1st-2nd grades</b>			
1st place	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2nd place	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
3rd place	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Kindergarten</b>			
1st place			\$100.00
2nd place			\$75.00
3rd place			\$50.00

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