

USEFUL INFO FOR TEACHERS



If you teach students in grades 9-12,
here's how you can participate...

Step 1: Go to www.BeinganAmerican.org/Teacher.

Step 2: Read through the resources including past winning essays, use the free classroom activities provided online, and support students writing essays.

Step 3: Encourage your colleagues to participate by printing copies of this flyer and other contest materials.

Step 4: Assign the essay to all of your students. Choose and submit up to five of your students' essays online at www.BeinganAmerican.org. Remember, you can only submit a maximum of five essays and only you, not your students, can actually submit their work.

For complete Rules and Regulations, please visit www.BeinganAmerican.org/Rules.

THE PRIZES

- The first prize student winner in each of nine regions will receive \$5,000 AND the sponsoring teacher will receive \$5,000.
- The second prize student winner in each of nine regions will receive \$2,500 AND the sponsoring teacher will receive \$2,500.
- The third prize student winner in each of nine regions will receive \$1,250 AND the sponsoring teacher will receive \$1,250.
- The remaining seven student finalists in each of nine regions will each receive a cash award AND their teachers will also receive a cash award.
- **The top 3 student winners from each of nine regions, AND their sponsoring teachers, will win an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., including the Awards Gala in the Spring of 2010.**

AWARDS FOR PARTICIPATION

- A participation prize of a Bill of Rights wallet card for each eligible student participant will be mailed to teachers who indicate that 50 or more of their students participated in the contest at the classroom level. The number of student participants must be listed by the teacher by the end of the Contest period (December 1, 2009) at the time of essay submission. The approximate retail value of this prize will not exceed \$50 per teacher.
- The two schools with the greatest percentage of eligible students participating will receive a full set of Bill of Rights Institute curriculum based on school size. This prize will be based upon the number of eligible student participants per school as noted during the teacher registration process. Schools with fewer than 1,000 eligible participants enrolled will be eligible to receive one of these prizes, and schools with greater than 1,000 will be eligible to receive the other. The retail value of this prize will not exceed \$450.