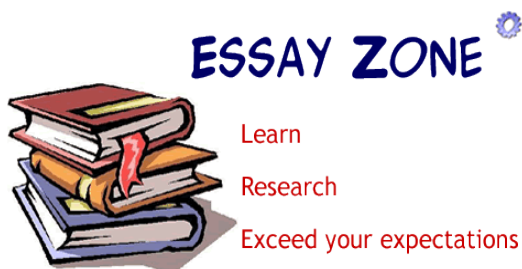


Hurley Students Win DAR American History Essay Competition

Jayda Hilton, Gavin Matney, and Nicki Blankenship, grade 5 students at Hurley Elementary Middle School, take top honors for their work in the annual American History Essay Contest, marking the 100th anniversary of World War 1. The Levisa River Chapter, National Daughters of the American Revolution's essay contest was open to students in grades 5-8. Jayda, Gavin, and Nicki claimed all three spots for grade five. Students were asked to write an essay detailing that time in history. Students showed they researched diligently and tried to imagine themselves during the Great War. Jayda, Gavin, and Nicki were given the opportunity to participate in Mr. Dustin Christian's Virginia Studies classroom.

Jayda Hilton's winning essay will advance to the state competition. Winners will be announced in the spring.



Pictured from left to right: Jayda Hilton, Nicki Blankenship,
and Gavin Matney