



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST  
2009-2010 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. Grade levels are divided into five Classes. Five Division winners, one from each class will be chosen and one National winner, one from each class will be chosen. Division winners receive \$100 and a citation; National winners receive \$500 and a citation plaque.

**Essay Theme:** "What is my Patriotic Role as a U.S. Citizen?"

**Essay Classes:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Word Requirement</b>
<i>I</i>	<i>3 and 4</i>	<i>150-250</i>
<i>II</i>	<i>5 and 6</i>	<i>250-300</i>
<i>III</i>	<i>7 and 8</i>	<i>350-400</i>
<i>IV</i>	<i>9 and 10</i>	<i>450-500</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>11 and 12</i>	<i>450-500</i>

**Essay Check List:**

- Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class Competing In \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring ALA Unit \_\_\_\_\_
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word limit for Class
- Completed Essay Cover Sheet as first page of essay

**Complete this Information:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Unit: \_\_\_\_\_