

## **Report**

### **Basic School Level – My Family Upper Secondary School Level – My Home Area and Its People**

#### **2011/2012 13th competition**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011 Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves announced the 13<sup>th</sup> history competition.

The official title for the competition is:

13<sup>th</sup> Pupils' History Competition for the Academic Year 2011/2012 Organized by the Estonian History and Civics Teachers' Association's for the Prizes of the President of the Republic of Estonia.

The topics of the competition:

Basic School Level – “My Family”

Gymnasium/ Upper Secondary School Level – “My Home Area and Its People”

#### **“My Family”**

The aim of the topic was to allow the student to research the history of their family and relatives, basing the research on the memories of older relatives and, if possible, also archive sources.

Family tree. Three generations: my grandparents, my parents, and myself.

This narrower topic allowed the student to compare and contrast the lives of different generations.

#### **“My Home Area and Its People”**

The aim of this topic was to allow the student to research and give prominence to the past and cultural history of their home areas, the local people and their activity in years past; it also gave students an opportunity to relate their local history to Estonia's and world history, and also to find similar traits with those areas.

In their research paper, the students could take a closer look into Estonian history, from the earliest history up to the modern day, including the life stories of different people and peoples who have lived in Estonia during various times in the past.

The jury based their decisions on:

- ingenuity and novelty in the choice and presentation of the chosen topic; novelty of sources (such as unpublished materials);
- diversity and reliability in source materials;
- skills of integrating sources, comparing and contrasting, and making generalisations;

- the reasoning and explanations for using images;
- accurate lists of references;
- composition and formatting of the paper;
- whether or not the paper can be considered a historical research.

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- sending out flyers about the competition with the theme, conditions and information about training to all schools in Estonia;
- spreading information about the competition in our special newspaper for teachers 'Õpetajate Leht';
- on the homepage of the Estonian History Teachers' Association and on the lists of the teachers of history and social studies of the counties of Estonia.

On 28th October 2011 there was an information seminar organised in Tartu for the tutors of the competition. Workshop in Tartu - lectures by historians, instructions on how to collect materials and write a research paper.

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All in all, 150 entries from 165 students were sent to the competition this year. 75 papers of them came from the basic school level and 75 from the upper secondary school/gymnasium level.

49 schools were represented in the competition.

The award ceremony was held in Tartu on 7 May 2012 in the hall of the Ministry of Education and Science.

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