

**Report of the Competition 2005/2006, Norway:
“My family in the light of history”**

HIFO – The Norwegian Historical Association

The title of the 2006 competition was “My family in the light of history”. Many of the contributions focused on topics such as family and the second world war, family and education and family and the rise of living standard.

199 students participated with 155 entries. This is 50 participants more than for 2005. The reason might be the title/topic of the competition. It is a quite easy to connect the competition to the national curriculum. The growing awareness of the competition among teachers might also be one explanation.

The quality of the contributions this year was very high. Many of them were well formulated and with an extended use of sources.

The written texts are still much better than i.e. DVD productions. We have had a steady growth in DVD contributions, but the quality is still not as high as for the traditional written essay.

It seems like the competition has become more and more popular among teachers and students, but still it is a rather small percentage of the students participating in the competition. The room for further growth in number of participants and entries is still there.