



1st Edition of the Spanish Eustory Competition

The Real Maestranza de Ronda organised, this year, the 1st edition of Eustory in Spain, with the research topic **“The life of my grandparents during the fifties”**. This first edition saw 10 initial contributions by 53 participants.

The winning contribution of this first edition was by Gloria Roman Ruiz, a vivid account of life during the 1950s and the contrast between the ease of today and the hardships of the time. The jury particularly liked the way this year’s winner handled her sources, questioning accuracy and critical thinking.

The topic **“The life of my grandparents during the fifties”** proved, again, to be a very accessible topic for the young participants since it provides an easy gateway to sources and history. The 1950s were a time of great historical importance in Spain as they signify the initial stages of the country’s slow entry into modernity and material comfort: the end of food rationing, initial re-industrialization and the arrival of affordable consumer goods in Spain all date to this decade. It is also synonymous with rural exile; this was the theme of the runner up of this year’s edition by Julia Jorda Gisbert and her economic history-like account of the different socioeconomic factors that pushed her grandparents to move to the city.

In total there was one winner, one second-place, one third-place, and two special recognitions by the jury. The RMR hopes that the second year’s edition will see more contributions and a similar level of quality, despite being pleased overall with the results of the first edition. Next year, the same topic will be proposed to students from all over Spain