



3rd Edition of the Spanish Eustory Competition

The Real Maestranza de Ronda organised, this year, the 3rd edition of Eustory in Spain, with the research topic “**Local Heroes**”. This edition saw the writing of 14 different contributions from 40 participants. The jury has outlined the qualitative jump of this year’s edition.

The winning paper this year was authored by Jorge Fernandez Gomez. A multifaceted story on his grandfather who helped towards the immediate reconciliation between republicans and nationalists in the small town he ran as mayor. The theme of this year, “Local heroes” allowed for many pupils to explore what it means to be a hero in the context of a particular place and history. In fact, many works often dedicate a section to defining the significance of heroism in history.

Many of this year’s works dealt with the Spanish war of independence and explore the acts of heroism of local noblemen during the conflict. This was the case of Angel Caballero and Alvaro Martinez’s work on the Duke of Albuquerque who was the heroic defended of the city of Cadiz while the constitutional process was taking place, but who was later punished by history. A collective work by the students of the IALE school in Valencia on the misfortunes of a republican squad during the civil war highlighted the extent to which heroes can become traitors in very little time.

In total there was one winner, one second-place, two third-place prizes, and two special recognitions by the jury. The RMR hopes that this year’s edition will have growing participation as this year’s contribution have slightly lowered from last year and the number of participants as well. Next edition will run the same topic, “Local Heroes” and encourages students and teachers to look into the history of their own community.