

Swedish Eustory – 2010/2011 history competition

We launched our third history competition at our second award ceremony on the 4th of June 2010. The topic for this competition was “Rebels and Revolutions – Movements of Resistance and Protest in a Local Perspective”. Leaflets with information on this competition were sent out to schools before summer holidays. We also sent a reminder to the schools at the beginning of September. During the fall we presented the history competition in some local schools together with lectures on the topic “Revolutions and Resistance”.

The information about the third history competition was of course also available on our website: www.svenskaeustory.se

When we reached the deadline for the competition at the end of January, we could count 35 entries from more than 70 pupils. The contributions came from schools all over Sweden but with the main focus on the southern part of the country. This years contributions had, in general, a higher standard than previous years so it was a bit harder to pick the winning essays but the jury succeeded in choosing first the finalist and then the prize winners.

We were happy to welcome the first and the third prize winner to our award ceremony that took place at Högskolan Kristianstad on the 1st of June this year. The pupils who came second were graduating from school on that same day and couldn't, of course, make it to the award ceremony. The prize winners received books, flowers, diploma and a sum of money for their excellent contributions to our third history competition.

The winner of this years competition, Fredrica Nyberg, came from the School of Christian IV (C4-gymnasiet) here in Kristianstad and her winning contribution was about the Pro Danish partisans in Scania. The pupils on the second place, Josefin Skyttedal and Elin Svensson from Stockholm, choose to write about the riots in Stockholm in 1917 and our third prize winner, Anton Göransson from C4-gymnasiet in Kristianstad too, choose to write about a Jeppa Olsson – a different kind of rebel.

During the award ceremony we also launched our fourth history competition – this time we choose a broader topic “Life in Change – History in the 20th century in a local perspective”. With this topic we hope to receive even more contributions than during our previous competitions.