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My competition entry was about...

...two brothers of my town who escaped from Franco's dictatorship to France and to the United States: José Guericabeitia founded a magazine in Paris, whereas Jesús became a successful merchant in the New World.



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Topic of history competition:

America

Year of participation:

2015

Title of your competition entry:

» The heritage of the Guericabeitia brothers and the instruments of historical remembrance in the Old and the New World «



How did you decide on your topic ?

The first time I heard the name "Guericabeitia" was in school. My classmates and I wondered that they were not well known, especially in our hometown, because both of them played an important role for Spanish culture. Therefore, we wanted the research paper to pay tribute to the Guericabeitia brothers and the instruments of historical remembrance.



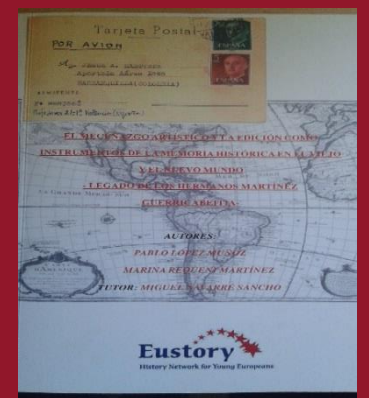
How did you react when you came upon surprising points during your research?

For our research paper we conducted interviews with contemporary witnesses. The interview with Ángela impressed and surprised me. She lived during the Spanish Civil War and Franco's dictatorship. Thanks to her, we learnt about the hard life conditions caused by the persecution and punishments of the Republic's authorities.



Did the research affect you personally?

Participating in the Spanish EUSTORY History Competition has been an unforgettable experience. I learnt so much about the past of my country during the research. Now, after having heard about and analyzed the atrocious life conditions, I see the future differently. Working on the past gave me a new perspective on the future.



I based my research

- ...on source material
- ...on interviews
- ...on family history
- ...on literature
- ...on the internet

» History is our tool to shape and improve our world. «

