



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Brochure Contest**  
by the *Sons of the American Revolution*  
Deadline: December 31, 2011

- 1. Open to Eighth Grade Students Only.** One brochure per student – this is not a group project
- 2. Theme:** The brochures must conform to this year's theme: **The Battle of Cowpens**
- 3. Brochure size:** The brochures must be made from a single 8 ½" x 11" piece of blank paper. The paper must be folded according to the instructions provided for the contest. The content of the various panels of the brochure should align with the instructions provided.
- 4. Paper thickness:** The thickness of paper in the US is commonly expressed on the package of paper as the "weight". For the purposes of this contest, choose 8 ½" x 11" paper with a weight of 32 lbs or less. Paper weights of 20, 24, 28, and 32 lbs are common.
- 5. Paper color:** White printer paper is most common, but pastel, or color paper is acceptable.
- 6. Artwork:** All artwork on brochures must be hand drawn. Do not paste pictures from magazines, books, or the Internet onto the brochure. Do not use clip art. Tracing is permissible and simple drawings that represent complex concepts are encouraged for those who may doubt their artistic skills. Ideas are the most important element in these brochures and the art is merely a means of conveying those ideas.
- 7. Pasting:** Pasting of hand drawn art work onto a master is permitted. Lighter paper weights (e.g. 20, 24 lbs) are recommended for items to be pasted onto the master brochure.
- 8. Text:** The written text is commonly hand printed. Typed text sections (even pasted on) are also permitted. [CAUTION: This must be *original text written by the student* – not clipped from magazines, books or taken off the Internet.]
- 9. Judging:** Brochures will be judged using a scoring rubric focusing on: **a. Content b. Creativity c. Correctness**
- 10. Prizes & Awards:**  
Chapter Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> = \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$40, 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$30; 4<sup>th</sup> = \$20; 5<sup>th</sup> = \$10. Awards paid by SAR Check.  
State Winners: **1st Place \$600; 2nd Place \$400.** State prizes paid in U.S. Series EE Savings Bonds

### **How do you make the brochure?**

**Step 1:** Research the **Battle of Cowpens** in the American Revolutionary War. Find information, maps, and pictures on-line or in the library.

**Step 2:** Use an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper, and fold into thirds so it opens like a book. Use a sample from Dr. Gregory as a guide to include:

- a. **Cover** – Draw a picture with the title: **Battle of Cowpens**
- b. **Inside cover** – Draw another picture or map
- c. **Inside center panel & right panel** – Write a description of the **Battle of Cowpens** and why you think it was an important event. This is like a short persuasive essay. Hand print the text neatly or type it on another paper and paste it into the brochure.
- d. **Back left panel** (which folds inside) – Write an *Introduction* that states the main idea of your short essay. It needs a title, and can use a famous quote if you wish.
- e. **Back center panel** – Draw a 2½ inch x 2½ inch box. Inside the box, write in this order:

Student's First, Middle Initial, and Last Name  
Folsom Unified School District  
Folsom Middle School  
Eighth Grade, 2011 – 2012  
Name of your 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Teacher

**Step 3:** Turn it in to your teacher. All students who enter will get an award.

Entries must be received by December 31, 2011, no exceptions. Our mailing address is:

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