

*** LESSONS OF LEADERSHIP CONTEST ***

Profiles in Political Courage

* Guidelines:

Elected officials have always been called upon to make critically important decisions, ones that can determine the fate of their towns, cities, states and nations. With the next election in the not-so-distant future, the NHC and The HBE Foundation are pleased to present the 7th annual “Lessons of Leadership” contest, with a focus on political courage.

We invite middle and high school students from any school in the United States to select an elected official and describe how that person risked his or her career by making a decision (passing a law, making a speech, advocating for change, running for office, etc.) that was at odds with public opinion. Using descriptive examples of the risks, consequences and rewards associated with his/her act of political courage, we seek to be inspired by the vision and boldness of these leaders. We strongly encourage students to think broadly about this topic, and figures can be ancient or modern, domestic (local, state, national) or foreign. Acts of political courage can range from a representative from one’s town or city to a world leader. Contest entries can be submitted in any three of the following formats:

* **An essay** of no less than 500 words and not more than 2,000 words, supplemented with a bibliography and endnotes. Entries may be submitted in either of the following forms: 1) Microsoft Word document or 2) PDF document.

* **A documentary or PowerPoint presentation** that reflects your ability to communicate your figure’s importance, and also helps you develop skills in using photographs, video, graphic presentations, etc. Documentaries should not exceed more than 10 minutes, and sources used should be credited through a bibliography.

* **A website** that reflects your ability to use website design software and computer technology to communicate how your historical figure influenced history. Your website should include a collection of web pages, interconnected with hyperlinks, that presents primary and secondary sources and interactive multimedia. Sources used should be credited through a bibliography.

All entries must be received by April 10, 2020 and can be emailed to **Bob Nasson** at rnasson@nationalhistoryclub.org (please type “Lessons of Leadership” in the subject line). Submissions will be judged by the NHC Advisory Board and winners will be announced at the end of April.

Awards:

First Place - \$1,500 (one prize)
Second Place - \$750 (two prizes)
Third Place - \$500 (four prizes)