

Haverstraw Quadricentennial Contest

Haverstraw is one of the oldest places in the United States! The Dutch name **Haverstroo** first appeared on a map in the year 1616. The English would later change the name to Haverstraw. The Town of Haverstraw will be having a Quadricentennial Celebration in 2016 to commemorate this event. As part of this celebration there will be a Haverstraw Quadricentennial Contest for students in grades 4-12.



Contest Guidelines

- Explore a topic about Haverstraw (check the Contest Suggested Topics below).
- Present your findings in one of the Entry Formats (below).
- Fill out the Entry Form (below).
- Entries must have a visible title displayed; this title must exactly match the Entry Form.
- Entries may be submitted by individuals or a group of up to five (5) people.
- A Works Cited page must be included showing your resources.
- Submit your entry by June 22, 2016 to the Haverstraw Town Hall (see Entry Submissions for ways to submit).
- Judging will take place this summer, and the winners will be announced in the fall.

Entry Formats

Judging Levels: Grades 4 - 5 Grades 6 – 8 Grades 9 – 12

- **Literature:** Entries may be submitted in the form of an essay or a work of historical fiction. Entries **MUST** be **typed**, double-spaced, and should be a minimum of 250 words to approximately 1,000 words. The Works Cited should be at the end on a separate page.
- **Digital Slide Presentation:** There is a 500 word count limit of student-composed text. The last slide should be the Works Cited.
- **Video Documentary or Newscast:** Entries should be no longer than five (5) minutes. Video must be submitted in one of the following formats: .mov; .mp4; .wmv; .avi. A DVD of the video could also be made. The Works Cited should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper and submitted with the entry form.
- **Painting or Drawing:** Entries must include 1-2 paragraphs explaining the topic. The Works Cited should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper and submitted with the entry form.
- **Exhibit:** A display of objects, materials or information no larger than 24" x 36" is preferred. Tri-fold exhibits and dioramas are welcome. Student-composed written materials should contain no more than 500 words. The Works Cited should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper and submitted with the entry form.

Entry Submissions

- Mail to the Town of Haverstraw, 1 Rosman Road, Garnerville, NY 10923.
Attention: Quadricentennial Contest
- Drop off at Haverstraw Town Hall; Monday thru Friday between 9:00 – 5:00
- E-mail to: 400contest@townofhaverstraw.org
- File upload: *See Town website for directions to upload*

Contest Suggested Topics

Hudson River Ecology

Haverstraw Bay is the widest part of the Hudson River. Describe the diversity of the Hudson River ecosystem.

Native Americans

The Rumanachenanks were the first people to live in the Haverstraw area. Describe how these Algonquin Indians lived.

Andre/Arnold Treason Meeting

In September 1780, Haverstraw was the site of one of the most infamous moments in United States history. Describe Haverstraw's role in General Benedict Arnold's treason.

Brick Industry

At one time Haverstraw was one of the largest producers of bricks in the entire world. Describe why Haverstraw became the brick making capital of the world.

Civil War

The Civil War was one of the darkest times in United States history. Haverstraw residents served the Union Army in the 95th New York Infantry Regiment during this bloody war. Describe the role that the 95th New York Infantry Regiment played in the Civil War.

Garnerville Terminal

Garnerville developed around the Garnerville Industrial Terminal. What is the Garnerville Industrial Terminal, and how did it impact Haverstraw so significantly from its beginnings up to its use today?

The Haverstraw Landslide

The Haverstraw Landslide of 1906 was one of the worst disasters in Rockland County history. Tell about how this disaster happened and why it was so devastating.

Harriman State Park

One-third of Haverstraw became part of Harriman State Park. Discuss why New York State created this park and how it changed the Town of Haverstraw.

Immigration

People from all over the world have been coming to Haverstraw for 400 years. Compare the experiences of **two** of the immigrant groups that came to Haverstraw.

- Dutch
- Africans
- English
- Irish
- Germans
- Eastern Europeans
- Italians
- Puerto Ricans
- Dominicans
- Mexicans
- Central Americans
- South Americans

Prominent People

Many nationally known individuals had connections to Haverstraw. Describe one of the following individuals.

- George M. Cohen (Entertainment)
- James A. Farley (Politician)
- Richard Smith (Civil War Medal of Honor winner)
- Nick Erickson (Spanish-American War Medal of Honor winner)
- Michael A. Donaldson (WWI Medal of Honor winner)

Your choice

A Haverstraw topic of your choice.

Contest Entry Form

Title of Project: _____

(This exact title must be visibly displayed on your project.)

Check off your Entry Format:

_____ Literature (Essay)

_____ Literature (Historical Fiction)

_____ Digital Slide Presentation

_____ Video Documentary/Newscast

_____ Painting/Drawing

_____ Exhibit

Please check off: _____ Individual submission

_____ Group submission (*Each group member must submit an Entry Form.*)

_____ How many group members?

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home phone number: _____ **What grade are you in?** _____

E-mail: _____

If this was a group project, list the first and last names of the other group members: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian giving you permission to enter the contest

Date