



The Simpson Prize: A National History Competition for Year 9 and 10 students

The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. The competition encourages participants to explore the significance of the Anzac experience and what it has meant for Australia.

The student winners, runners-up and teacher chaperones from each state and territory enjoy a two-day trip to Canberra where they visit several of the capital's museums and institutions, attend the presentation ceremony, and enjoy a special dinner.

Accompanied by two teacher chaperones and a historian from the Australian War Memorial, the eight state and territory student winners will then travel to overseas battlefields in April (incorporating Anzac Day commemorations). This is no doubt an opportunity of a lifetime!

Please read more about the 2019 overseas trip on the Australian War Memorial website [AWM articles/blog](#)

Note: The winners of this year's Simpson Prize will travel in 2020.

The competition is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and run by the History Teachers' Association of Australia.

2020 Simpson Prize Question:

*"Allied victory brought an end to war, suffering, and challenges for Australia and its people."
To what extent do experiences of 1919 support this view?*

The Simpson Prize requires students to respond to the quote and question using both the Simpson Prize Australian War Memorial Source Selection and their own research.

They are encouraged to agree, debate with or challenge the statement from a variety of perspectives – individual, national and global – and to use sources in a variety of forms.

Students are required to make effective use of a minimum of 3 of the Simpson Prize Australian War Memorial sources (which can be found at <https://www.awm.gov.au/education/simpson-prize/>).

It is also expected that up to half of their response will make use of information drawn from their own knowledge and research.

Information about the 2020 Simpson Prize: Essays produced by the state and territory winners of the 2019 Simpson Prize (and past results), along with relevant information regarding source materials, word or time limits, the closing date, entry forms and judging can be found on the following websites:

www.simpsonprize.org/

www.awm.gov.au/education/simpson-prize/

Word and Time Limits for Entries

Essay word limit: 1200-1500 words, not including supplementary information such as a contents page, references, bibliography and appendices.

Audio Visual Presentation word and time limit: No more than 10 minutes accompanied by a written explanation of up to 400 words.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR TEACHERS: Please submit **three (3) hard-copy duplicate copies of each entry**, with **each one** accompanied by a **hard-copy duplicate official Cover Sheet to the State Coordinator**. Your State Affiliate **will not accept electronic or faxed entries**.

Closing Date: Friday 8 November 2019

Tasmanian Results 2018:

Winner: Erin Massey, St Patrick's College



<http://www.simpsonprize.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Erin-Massey-TAS.pdf>

Runner-up: Neve Clippingdale, St Patrick's College

On Monday 18 March 2019, Erin and Neve, together with the other state and territory finalists of the Simpson Prize Competition, received their certificates and medallions at a presentation ceremony at the Australian War Memorial from its Director, Dr Brendan Nelson AO.

Teachers

Two teachers will also be selected to accompany the students on the preparatory trip to Canberra as well as the trip to key battlefields overseas. For further information regarding the Teacher Application please refer to:

<http://www.simpsonprize.org/how-to-enter/teachers/>

http://www.simpsonprize.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SimpsonPrize_TeacherApplication_2020.pdf

The deadline for applications will be Friday 8 November 2019

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