

# The Woodbury County Courthouse Centennial Presentation Contest

**WHO:** All K-12 students in Woodbury County Schools

**WHAT:** A presentation with one winner in any of the following topics

**The Historical Backdrop of the Woodbury County Courthouse (Grades 9-12)**

What was happening from 1916-1918 and why does it matter? How is the National Historic Landmark a reflection of the environment in which it was built? What is the significance of the listed battles? How important was the time period of 1916-1918 in which it was built? In other words, consider the uniqueness and how different it might be if built in another time, e.g. 1866 or 1956 versus the specific happenings of that time. What intriguing or exciting aspects might our public in 2018 be surprised by, and why does it matter today?

**The Murals and Artwork of the Courthouse (Grades 6-8)**

What is featured in the murals, also known as “friezes” of the courthouse and why? What about the sculptures outside? What do they represent? Who are the friezes and sculptures by, and what is their importance? What aspects of the various artwork reflect the time period, and what is meant to stand the test of time given the functions that take place in the Woodbury County Courthouse?

**What Happens in the Courthouse, and Why It Needs to Last 100 More Years (Grades K-5)**

What is the purpose and importance of the Courthouse, and what is important in the County? What has been done to keep the Courthouse looking good and able to help people? How do the jobs of those who work in the courthouse play a role in your lives?

**WHEN:** Due by end of day April 7, 2018 with teacher recommendation

**WHERE:** Submitted to the Woodbury County Historical Committee Group  
in Board of Supervisors Office in the Courthouse

**HOW:** Presentation with visuals, essay, multimedia, e.g. PowerPoint, Prezi, PowToon, or Sway on an age-specific category presentable in 8-12 minutes.

**WHY:** As a generation of future caretakers, to appreciate, learn, and admire the beauty and importance of the Woodbury County Courthouse.

**Prizes:** K-5 \$25 Gift Certificate from Thinker Toys  
6-8 \$50 Gift Certificate from Barnes & Noble Booksellers  
9-12 \$75 Gift Certificate from Barnes & Noble Booksellers

## **Presentation Parameters**

Essays should generally be no more than 1 page (K-5), 2 pages (6-8), or 3 pages (9-12) with one-inch margins, 12-pt Times New Roman. The essay participant must be willing to publicly present or read.

Presentations should be able to be presented in 8-12 minutes. If script would be read during presentation and audio is not integrated, the script should accompany an electronic copy of the presentation.

Electronic copies can be e-mailed if size permits or saved to a CD and submitted to the Board office. [KJames@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:KJames@woodburycountyiowa.gov)

All entries will have the recommendation of a teacher, educational professional, or homework coordinator/parent with a signature and contact e-mail.

Further questions and inquiries can be made by e-mailing [KJames@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:KJames@woodburycountyiowa.gov) or by calling 279-6525 x 2.