



Holocaust Education Trust Ireland

in association with the **History Teachers Association of Ireland**

The Mary Elmes Prize in Holocaust Studies

for Transition Year students, launching September 2019

History Essay:

Up to 2,000 words on a topic connected to the Holocaust or Mary Elmes

Creative Response:

Literary – Poetry, Drama (one-act play) or Short Story

Musical – Musical composition, Song, Rap

Artistic – Any type of artwork up to a maximum size A2 Painting, drawing, or graphic design, Photography

All submissions must be the students' own work

Candidates should become familiar with the history of the Holocaust, Righteous Among The Nations and Mary Elmes and her story.

The Prize

A virtual "Tree of Life" dedicated to Mary Elmes will be created online. As the winner and runner-up of each category is announced, a leaf will be inscribed on the tree in their name. The tree will grow, and the number of leaves will increase each year. Each winning student will receive a certificate, and a replica of their leaf inscribed with their name and the date. A prize giving ceremony will be arranged. Each winning student will be invited to participate in the national Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration.

Submission date: The closing date for entries is Tuesday 10 December 2019.

TY Coordinators will be asked to select one entry from the history essay category, and one entry from the artistic, musical and literary responses (4-entries). These will be forwarded to HETI and we will then distribute them to the judging panel by Friday 10 January 2020. The 4-sections of our judging panel will then have until Friday 14 February 2020 to select the best three entries to create a short list. HETI and HTAI will then decide from this short list the winner and runner up of the history essay and creative response categories.

Prize Results

The prize winners and runners-up will be announced immediately after the February mid-term break 2020.

Each winning student and runner-up will receive a letter addressed to them at their schools.

Announcements will appear on relevant websites and the Mary Elmes Prize dedicated website page.