

Cochran 150th Birthday Writing Contest

1. Topic for 9th-12th Grade: **"Cochran: Where the Past Builds Our Future"**
2. A persuasive essay. (Sell the town's strengths; explain why the town is special in its past, present, and possibilities; describe events or people that have been valuable to the development of the town today; fit in your own reasons that Cochran's past builds its future.)
3. 500-1500 words
4. This paper should be printed using Times New Roman at 12pt and double-spaced. It should be correct in spelling and grammar, but as long as it is understandable, minor errors should not affect its rating.
5. Credit should be given to any sources used on a separate sheet of paper at the end of the paper. The name of people interviewed and the dates of each interview, the URL address and page name, or the title and author of a book or magazine article is fine.
6. The essay is to be turned in to the student's teacher, or, if home schooled, to the desk at Tessie Norris Library, by the morning of February 15, 2019. All papers will be collected by that afternoon or on Monday, February 18, to be judged.
7. Members of Bleckley County Retired Educators will choose the winners. Decisions are final.
8. Prizes will be awarded a day to be announced of the 150th birthday week, March 17-23, 2019 at a place and time yet to be determined.
9. Prizes are provided by banks in Cochran:

First Place: \$100

Second Place: \$50

Third Place: \$25

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