

**PARLIAMENTARY ESSAY CONTEST**  
Sponsored by the  
*Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Alberta Branch*

**TOPIC:**

A general review (geography, history, culture, economy) of any of the present member-countries of the Commonwealth.

**RULES:**

1. The contest is open to all Grade VI students in Alberta.
2. Each essay must consist of 750 words or less. Please *do not* include illustrations in your submission.
3. The title page should include *only* the following information:
  - the author's full name
  - the teacher's name
  - the name, address, postal code and phone number of the school
  - the name, address, postal code and phone number of the author's parents
4. Essays will be judged on:
  - content (knowledge of the subject matter)
  - originality
  - organization and development
  - vocabulary (appropriate word choices)
  - sentence structure (include some variation and use of transitions)
  - conventions of language use (spelling, punctuation, capitalization)
  - presentation (neatness)
5. Each Grade 6 teacher will select, from among the essays presented in his/her class, the best essay and submit it to the superintendent. The superintendent will then forward the essays from his/her jurisdiction to the Office of the Speaker on or before *February 28, 2007*.

**AWARDS:**

Each finalist will receive a certificate which will be mailed to the school.

The grand prize winners will be chosen from the finalists and will be notified by telephone. They will be invited by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly to an award presentation event in the Legislature Building in Edmonton and receive a plaque and a cheque in the amount of 1<sup>st</sup> place \$200. 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75. and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50.

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