

## **U.S. History Canoochee EMC Essay**

This essay is **required** for U.S. History students. Only those who are **juniors** and are 16 years old by June 1, 2018 will have their essay submitted to Canoochee Electric, but **ALL U.S. History students must submit an essay. Failure to turn in an essay will result in a zero.**

### **Requirements for the Canoochee EMC Essay.**

Participants must submit a 500-750 word essay on one of the three topic choices provided. The essay must be typed, and the student's name should **not** appear anywhere on the essay. The application, with the student's name and contact information, should be attached to the front of the essay. The essay should be your **own** work.

The essays are judged on subject knowledge, originality, composition, neatness and grammar. The essays will be graded and will count as a test grade for U.S. History.

Reference material may be found in the local library or via internet. **You must cite in your essay all sources that are used for research.**

The deadline for submission of the essay is **Wednesday, January 31, 2018.** **Late essays will not be accepted and will result in a grade of zero.** Essays will be sent to Canoochee EMC by February 18, 2018.

Participants need to fill out an application, sign their commitment to participate, and have a parent sign the authorization portion.

### **Topics:**

Choose one of the following topics for your essay.

1. It's 1937 and the REA (Canoochee Electric) is coming to your rural area. Convince your neighbors why they should sign up for electricity.
2. We've grown accustomed to having electricity on demand in the world we live in such as clicking a remote control to turn on a TV, using a computer, playing video games, or charging our cell phones. Describe the impact on your life and community in a world without electricity.
3. Canoochee Electric needs to build a power plant to meet the growing demand for electricity. You have been selected to serve on the committee that will decide what type of power plant will be built. Share the results of this committee in your essay.

### **Grading and Selection Process**

The essays submitted to Canoochee for the contest will be graded by an un-biased English Instructor. **The top selected winners of the essay contest will then be invited by Canoochee EMC for an interview, which will be judged by non-Canoochee EMC employees.** Winners of the essay contest and interview will win an all expenses paid trip to Washington, DC, which will take place on **June 7 – 14, 2018**. Four winners will be chosen for the Youth Tour along with one alternate. After winners are chosen, they will have their pictures taken at Canoochee to be printed along with an article in the Georgia Magazine and local newspapers. Check out the following websites:

<http://youthtour.nreca.org> or [www.georgiaemc.com](http://www.georgiaemc.com) GA EMC Youth Tour Pages as well as [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (Washington Youth Tour/Georgia GMC)