

# ADOT Centennial Signs Essay Contest for Arizona Schools

## Background

The Arizona Department of Transportation is hosting an essay contest for students enrolled in 6th to 12th grades in public schools in the state of Arizona.

One winner from each of Arizona's 15 counties will receive an Arizona Centennial sign for their school. These signs were originally installed on highways across Arizona in 2012 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of Arizona gaining statehood. Those signs recently were replaced by new Grand Canyon National Park signs commemorating the centennial of the park's establishment on Feb. 25, 1919 under President Woodrow Wilson.



## Topic

**Arizona's Five C's: Copper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus and Climate.**

Each of these five resources serves an important role in Arizona's history. Students may choose one or multiple resources for the assignment. Describe why an element plays an important role in the economy and culture of Arizona. What do they mean to you personally?

Visit [azdot.gov/EssayContest](https://azdot.gov/EssayContest) or scan QR code for FAQs and entry form



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## Contest Rules and Instructions

- Students must be enrolled in 6th to 12th grades in a public school in the state of Arizona.
- Essays should be at least 400 words with correct spelling and good grammar.
- Essays must be the original unpublished work of the student entering the contest. (Teachers can consider making this a class assignment!)
- One essay per school may be submitted by a designated school administrator or official. ***By submitting your school's winning essay, you will acknowledge that the student's parent or guardian has provided permission to use the student's name, essay and photo in ADOT's internal and external communications, including but not limited to press releases, social media posts and website content.***
- The designated school administrator or official will submit their school's essay nomination as an attachment to the entry form at the bottom of the web page. Handwritten essays may be scanned and attached in a PDF format. The essay submission deadline is midnight on Jan. 31, 2023. Essays submitted from each participating school will be judged by a panel of ADOT employees based on originality, creativity, unique writing style and descriptive language. One winning essay will be chosen in each Arizona county to receive a centennial sign.
- The winning school in each county will be notified by Feb. 14, 2023. (Arizona's birthday!)