



Los Altos Historical Commission and Los Altos History Museum
 40th Annual Margaret Thompson Historical Essay Contest
 For 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Graders

**2024 Theme – Your Pathway to California,
 Inspired by the famous El Camino Real**
Essay Contest Cover Sheet

Please PRINT the following information.

STAPLE this COVER SHEET ON TOP of YOUR ESSAY.

PUT ONLY YOUR NAME AND DATE ON THE ESSAY.

Have your parent read and SIGN the statement below.

Essays should be approximately 300 words or less.

Essays are due to your teacher by Friday, March 8, 2024.

Include a COPY of your map, painting, drawing, or photos with your essay.

PLEASE NOTE: Essays NOT containing this Cover Sheet will NOT be judged.

Student’s Name: (first & last): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (first & last): _____

Address (include city and zip code): _____

Phone Number: _____

School Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Teacher’s Name: _____

Teacher’s Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Release:

By signing the following release, I give consent for my child’s essay to become part of the collection of the Los Altos History Museum and to be used for community enrichment such as exhibits, programs and research.

I understand that by submitting this essay, I declare that I have full legal right to transfer custody and title of this essay. I hereby transfer such custody, title and interest, and copyright, willingly, unconditionally and without reservation, to the City of Los Altos. I hereby consent to the unrestricted use of the information in furtherance of the mission of the Los Altos History Museum.

If my child is a contest winner, I grant permission for Los Altos History Museum to photograph and use my child's image and likeness for publicity and marketing purposes, understanding that Los Altos History Museum may use these images in the local press, on social media, and in marketing materials without any claims or compensation. I also understand that only children's first name and last initial, school name, and grade level may be used to label the photos.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____