



# PETERHOUSE VELLACOTT HISTORY PRIZE

## What we are looking for

Write an essay of up to 2,000 words (including footnotes and appendices) addressing a question of your choice. Include a bibliography and ensure all sources are referenced. **Essays must be submitted as a PDF** via the online form. Please ensure that the pages in your essay are numbered and that your name and school appears clearly on the first page. Please also **name the pdf file in the following format: Competition-Surname-Initial e.g. Vellacott-Smith-F.pdf.**

Competitors are advised that the main focus of the essay should **not** be material previously or currently being studied as part of any history curriculum that an entrant has been following. The entrant may refer to topics that will be studied in future so long as, at the time of the closing date, the entrant has received no formal tuition on the topic in question. All entries must be verified by a Head of Sixth Form or Head of History confirming that the essay is the entrant's own work and that the main focus of the essay is not something which they have hitherto studied in the sixth-form classroom.

A good starting point for this essay would be an Extended Project Qualification essay, although competitors should not submit a full-length Extended Project essay (a partial draft is acceptable). If you have yet to begin, this competition may form the basis of a future Extended Project, but should still follow the guidelines for that qualification. You do not have to be taking, or intending to take the Extended Project Qualification in order to enter this competition.

In order to assess the academic suitability of the essay before you begin, all titles must be submitted by email to [essayprize@pet.cam.ac.uk](mailto:essayprize@pet.cam.ac.uk) no later than **16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Emails must include the entrants' **full name and school**.

The strongest essays will analyse critically a wide range of sources to address the chosen question and reach a substantiated conclusion. There will be clear evidence of independent research and the application and evaluation of relevant theories and concepts.

## How to submit

A maximum of **two entries** per competition per school can be accepted, except by prior arrangement between your school and the College. All entries must be approved by a teacher, so make sure your History teacher and Head of Department know you are entering and you have the relevant email address to hand when you create your account. Once essays are



uploaded to our system, it is not possible to make changes – please ensure you are happy with your work before pressing ‘submit’. It is unfortunately not possible to provide feedback on essays.

The deadline for you to submit your essay is 16:00 GMT on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. Essays which are not submitted by this time will not be considered under any circumstances. Your teacher will then receive emails from Peterhouse asking them to confirm that you are eligible and that the work complies with our guidelines, as listed in this document and on our website. They must do this by 16:00 GMT on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – please inform them of this. Essays which have not been approved by a teacher will not be considered. For this reason, submission by post, fax or email will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances, and only by prior arrangement.

## Prizes

Each competition has a prize pool of £750.