

# *Nevertheless She Persisted*

## Maplewood Middle School 2018 Women's History Month Essay Contest



**Eligible students:** All MMS Students

**DIRECTIONS-**Choose ONE of the topics below. Essays should be at least 350-500 words in length (Times New Roman Font 1 in. margins). Submit your essays to Ms. Beatty in the MMS main office by **April 17, 2018**.

**Topic #1-**Why is it important to study Women's history and to raise awareness of the numerous and varied achievements of women locally, nationally, and internationally?

**Topic #2-**Research a person or an event in Women's history. Go beyond writing about what this person did or what happened in history. Analyze and explain how your subject is an important part of American history and how the person or event strengthens society today.

\*As you research, we encourage you to consider exploring intersectionality by researching a woman of color (Hispanic, Black, African American, Asian, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander).

**Topic #3-**Attend one of Ideas Festival events (see the attached flyer) at the Maplewood Public Library. Describe the impact the subject made on their field (sports, writing, social justice, etc). and what you learned about your subject's path to success and current mission.

**Topic #4-**Select a song that you believe empowers women of your generation. What issues do you think today's generation of women face? Discuss/describe how the song might be used to inspire girls today.

**Due Date: April 18, 2018**

**Requirements:** Your essay must be your own work. If you complete research for the essay, you must cite/give credit to your sources. If you have questions about the research process, see our Media Specialist Mr. Degnan.

[Rubric for Essay Contest](#)

*Gift card prizes will be awarded to 3 outstanding essays. Prizes sponsored by your Maplewood Middle School Home and School Association*

## Essay Cover Page

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Topic # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of English Teacher

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### ***Pledge of Honor:***

I confirm that I wrote this essay myself and cited any sources I consulted for research.

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Signature of student