

Student's Nome/Cognome: _____

Scuola/Posizione: _____

Lodge Name and Location: _____ Member's Name: _____

“THE MELTING POT”

Immigrants from every part of the world have come to America in search of new opportunities. Learning about your heritage is a way to understand and appreciate the obstacles that they may have endured.

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America's NYS Commission for Social Justice is sponsoring an "Immigrant Essay Contest" for those 7th and 8th graders as well as high school seniors of Italian descent whose direct relatives (parent or grandparent) are members of a local lodge and are members in good standing as verified by their lodge president.

Two winners from each District (1 from 7 & 8 grade and 1 from high school) will be selected to receive a monetary award of \$200 in addition to a certificate of achievement.

For this assignment you will be interviewing someone who has come to the United States from Italy.

Guidelines:

- The immigrant must be a relative of the family.
- If this person is deceased, you may interview someone who can answer questions about the immigrant.
- You must have the answers to at least 10 of the 12 questions about the immigrant. You may, of course, answer as many as possible.
- Once you have written the answers to the questions, type a story in English on a separate piece of paper about this person.
- If this person is directly related to you include that information in your story.
- ***This sheet with the questions/answers must also be handed in.***
- The story must be a minimum of 250 words.
- Include a **visual** that represents this person (copies of old pictures, personal documents or objects, etc.) *A note must accompany the artifact to indicate that it is authentic. Describe what this item is in your story.
- The completed assignment must be typed and submitted on time in order to be considered for the contest. (Deadline: April 1, 2018)
- A copy of the scoring rubric for the contest is attached.

QUESTIONS: YOU MUST HAVE THE ANSWERS TO AT LEAST 10 OF THESE QUESTIONS

1. What was your full name at birth?

2. Where were you born?

3. When is your birthday?

4. In what year did you arrive in the United States?

5. Did you arrive alone or with others? Who?

6. Why did you come to the United States?

7. Where did you first arrive?

8. How did you get here?

9. Where did you first live and why?

10. Did you have a job when you arrived? What did you do?

11. Did you speak English when you first arrived or did you have to learn the language?

12. What customs from your homeland do you still have in your family?

**You may also include any personal stories or experiences that you may have had with this person in your story.*

COPY OF SCORING RUBRIC FOR ESSAY CONTEST

Name of student and address: _____

Name of relative who is a member of OSDIA Lodge: _____

Relative's Lodge Name, Number and Location: _____

GRADING

SPELLING AND GRAMMAR	/15 POINTS
WORD COUNT (250)	/10 POINTS
ANSWERED 10/12 QUESTIONS	/20 POINTS
CONTENT AND STYLE	/50 POINTS
VISUAL	/5 POINTS
TOTAL POINTS	/100 points

IN BOCCA AL LUPO!

