

**In conjunction with their annual Symposium on 18<sup>th</sup> Century Life and Customs in Western Pennsylvania, the Bradford House Historical Association is sponsoring a Poster Session Contest** for middle and high school students, and is open to any student who resides in Washington and Greene Counties.

- student will create a trifold display on a topic of W PA history (1750-1850)
  - 2 judging divisions: middle school (grades 5-8) and high school (grades 9-12)
    - register online between January 1 and February 25, 2015 at [www.bradfordhouse.org](http://www.bradfordhouse.org)
    - poster must be delivered by March 2, 2015 (details will be sent to registrants)
  - top 5 entries in each division will display Friday evening, March 27, 2015
    - student should be available to answer questions
    - winners receive free admission to Friday event for student & 1 adult
    - prizes: \$50 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> place; \$10 each for 3 Honorable Mention
- (The judges reserve the right to not award all prizes if there are insufficient number and/or quality of entries.)

### **Poster Session Entry Requirements**

A poster board is a visual exhibit that should reflect your research and interpretation of your topic's significance in Western Pennsylvania history during the years 1750 – 1850. It should be at least 60% visual images (portraits, maps, documents, photos, diagrams, illustrations, etc.) with labels, captions, and brief written content (bulleted lists and timelines are appropriate), in your own words and creatively displayed to enhance your presentation.

1. The subject will be a topic of Western Pennsylvania history, 1750 – 1850.
2. The presentation will be constructed on a standard size (36" x 48") trifold display board (foam or corrugated).
  - a) All materials must be attached to the front 3 sections of the display board and within its edges.
  - b) Include the title of your project on the display board.
3. Inclusion of media devices, supplemental materials, physical objects, etc. is not permitted.
4. Inclusion of a few carefully selected quotations, properly attributed, is acceptable.
5. A list of *Works Cited* must accompany the entry, properly formatted and typewritten.
  - a) Both primary and secondary sources of information should be used, and should not be limited to online resources.
  - b) *Wikipedia*, blogs, and other similar online resources are not acceptable sources.
  - c) A minimum of 5 sources must be cited.
6. The following information should be included on a typewritten title page attached to the *Works Cited* page(s): title of project, student's name, grade and school.
7. Only individual projects permitted; no group projects.

## Possible Topics

This is **not** an all-inclusive list. Any subject that pertains to Western Pennsylvania history between the years 1750 and 1850 is appropriate.

### People

Christopher Gist  
Francis LeMoyne  
William Crawford  
Lewis Wetzel  
John Neville  
David Bradford  
John Holcroft  
Hugh Henry Breckenridge  
Marquis de LaFayette  
George Washington  
William Holmes McGuffey  
Rev. John McMillan  
Cornplanter  
Chief Catfish (Tangoqua)  
Absalom Baird  
General Anthony Wayne  
Wayne's Legions  
Sieur de Jumonville

### Events

Mason-Dixon Survey  
Pennamite Wars  
Attack on Hannastown 1776  
Lewis & Clark Expedition  
Braddock's Expedition  
Forbes Expedition  
Virginia-Pennsylvania Border Dispute  
Whiskey Rebellion  
Corbly Massacre  
Crow Sisters Massacre  
Underground Railroad  
Battle of Jumonville Glen  
French & Indian War  
Revolutionary War  
Formation of Washington County  
Formation of Greene County

### Places

Fort Necessity  
Fort Pitt  
Fort Duquesne  
Fort Ligonier  
Local frontier forts  
Historic towns  
Washington College  
Jefferson College  
Washington & Jefferson College  
Braddock's Field  
National Road

### Culture

Food  
Agriculture  
Clothing  
Medicine/Health  
Whiskey Distilling  
River Transportation  
Education  
Taverns  
Slavery  
Weapons  
Life on the W PA Frontier  
Architecture  
Family Life  
Religion