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Robinson College Essay Prize 2020

The Robinson College Essay Prize is open to all students currently in Year 12 (Lower Sixth, or equivalent) at a UK School. It is designed to give students the opportunity to develop and showcase their independent study and writing skills. By creating the opportunity for students to experience the type of work that they might be expected to do at Cambridge, we hope to encourage inquisitive and industrious students from all backgrounds to apply to Cambridge – and hopefully to Robinson College.

We welcome entries from interested students studying any combination of subjects. Entrants are invited to submit a response to any **one** of the questions overleaf, which should be **no longer than 2,000 words** (including footnotes and captions). The questions may be discussed with reference to any academic discipline or area of interest. All sources must be appropriately acknowledged and cited, and a bibliography (including websites consulted) should be attached, although this is excluded from the word count. **Up to three entries may be submitted per school**, so please discuss your application with your school prior to entry.

There are many angles from which to approach the questions and we encourage applicants to 'think outside the box' and answer through the lens of a field or subject that greatly interests you. Good essays will present a clear and concise argument using specific examples, but beyond this there is scope to interrogate the questions in any way you please.

Three prizes will be awarded, each person receiving book tokens to the value of £100. Further essays will be commended for their high quality. Winning and highly commended entries will be invited to the College for a prize-giving ceremony and celebratory lunch with fellows and Directors of Studies at the college.

The deadline for submission of essays is **5pm on Friday 14th August**. All entries should be submitted by our online submission form accompanied by the covering sheet. Please ensure that your school/ college representative completes the appropriate section. Entries will not be valid without this information. Please email slo@robinson.cam.ac.uk for more information.

A useful website with style and structure information for bibliographies and references can be found on the Cambridge Faculty of History website:

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/hist-tripos/info-all-years/style-guide#section-8>