The Robert Robson History Prize, named in honour of a former teacher of history at Trinity College whose gift endowed the prize, is an essay prize for school students who are in Year 12 (or equivalent penultimate year at school) in January 2020 who are considering applying to read History at university. Students at school in the UK and elsewhere are encouraged to apply.

Essays must be between 2,000 and 3,800 words long, on a topic to be chosen from the list of questions below. We encourage you to provide references to your sources of information, and to include a bibliography at the end of the essay. Each entrant may submit a single essay.

Submissions must be sent by post to Trinity College to reach us by 1 May 2020. (We regret that we cannot accept online submissions.) Results will be announced by the end of June.

The competition carries a First Prize of £600, to be split equally between the candidate and their school or college (the school or college’s portion of the prize to be issued in the form of book tokens with which to buy history books), and a Second Prize of £400, which again is to be shared equally between the candidate and their school or college. In addition, further outstanding essays will be highly commended.

Queries from teachers of students intending to submit an essay may be directed by e-mail to Dr Richard Serjeantson at robson.prize@trin.cam.ac.uk.

The information you provide in relation to this prize is managed and stored in accordance with UK Data Protection regulations. Your details will only be used for the purposes of contacting you about your submission. It will not be used for any other reason or given or sold to any other company or organization.

Include the signed statement of originality and completed further details (below) with your essay.

Please address the envelope as follows:

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Trinity College
CAMBRIDGE
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STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY

I confirm that this essay is written in my own words and is the result of my own work, and that all sources used have been acknowledged in the essay. I further confirm that the essay I am submitting has not been and will not be entered for any public examination.

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