

**Mamaroneck High School  
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Mamaroneck, NY 10543**  
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## **THIRTEENTH ANNUAL RICHARD KEMPER MEMORIAL CONTEST**

Richard Kemper graduated from MHS and he, along with 100 other Mamaroneck/Larchmont students, fought and died in World War II. His name is one of the names on the memorial in the park named after him. To honor Richard Kemper and the other men and women who have served their country, the Kemper Foundation is sponsoring **two** essay contests.

There will be two \$300 awards from the Kemper Foundation for the best essays. Winning entries will be read at a special Memorial Day event held at the high school.

**ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE BY TUESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

Topic 1 essay is only open to MHS students.

Topic 2 essay is open to all students in Westchester County.

### **Topic 1: Memorials**

Some people have said that a place like Kemper Memorial Park is not as important to your generation as it was to previous generations because it memorializes events that took place long ago. What would you say to them?

## **Topic 2: Human Rights**

American soldiers who died in World War II were not just defending our country, they were defending certain values that are today embodied in many human rights documents and it is their defense of those values that most distinguished them from the Germans and Japanese they were fighting against. Therefore, on Memorial Day when we remember them we should remind ourselves of the universal principles that, along with our country, they were defending. In your view, what were the most important of those principles?

**All essays (topic 1 and topic 2) must have a cover page with the title, author's name, and the following signed statement:**

This essay is submitted to the annual Richard Kemper Memorial Essay Contest. I give the Kemper Human Rights Education Foundation permission to publish it.

----- Student's Signature

**For complete contest rules please see [www.khref.org](http://www.khref.org).**

**Topic 1 essays may be submitted to your history teacher or emailed to [mcronin@mamkschools.org](mailto:mcronin@mamkschools.org).**

**Topic 2 essays may be submitted to your history teacher or emailed to [kemperhumanrights@gmail.com](mailto:kemperhumanrights@gmail.com).**