15 Most Written about Subjects
Profile in Courage Essay Contest
2020-2024
(Alphabetical Order)

Since originality is one of the criteria for judging, writing about one of these officials will lower your content score.

Bella Abzug
Ralph Carr
Shirley Chisholm
Tammy Duckworth
Linwood Holton
Barbara Jordan
Adam Kinzinger
Barbara Lee
Joseph Mancin
Harvey Milk
Patsy Mink
Lisa Murkowski
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Michael Pence
Brad Raffensperger
Jeannette Rankin
Margaret Chase Smith

*Please note:

1. Lyndon B. Johnson, Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Donald Trump were in the top 25 most written about subjects. We discourage students from writing about presidents.

2. Liz Cheney, Russ Feingold, John McCain, and Mitt Romney were in the top 25 most written about subjects but they are past recipients of the Profile in Courage Award. Essays about past recipients of the Profile in Courage Award will be disqualified unless they describe an act of political courage other than the act for which the award was given. However, past recipients are not considered original essay subjects.