



## NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST 2007-2008

### Natural Resources and Conflict

**T**he United States Institute of Peace invites you and your students to explore complex issues in international peace and conflict resolution by participating in the 2007-2008 National Peace Essay Contest. The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 attending secondary schools in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories, and American citizens attending schools overseas.

The 2007-2008 essay question asks students to analyze the role of natural resources in foreign conflicts. Students will make recommendations for how countries coming out of conflict can resolve issues around natural resources in order to build a lasting peace, and how the international community can help in that effort.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED POSTAGE-PAID CARD TO RECEIVE:

- 1** a *National Peace Essay Contest guidebook* containing the full question, contest rules, entry forms, a sample essay, and information about the Washington, D.C., awards program
- 2** a *study guide* containing lesson plans and classroom activities that integrate the topic into the classroom curriculum
- 3** a *brochure on our summer institute for teachers* designed to enhance substantive expertise and teaching skills for use in secondary school social studies classes

*Contest Deadline: February 1, 2008*

**State winners** receive a college scholarship of \$1,000, and can also compete for national awards of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,500 for first, second, and third place, respectively. National awards include state award amounts.

**All winners** receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the week-long awards program in June 2008.

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