Historical Essay:

- Choose a topic related to your community: a person, family, event or notable custom.
- Or if you prefer choose any unrelated topic that interests you.

Apply the steps of the *historical method* (as seen on pg. 15 and in the Chapter 1 Notes):

Step One: Pose a good historical question

- Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
- What questions can be researched?

Step Two: Collect reliable information

- What sources are available?
- Which sources have the information you need?
- How reliable is the source (are they biased?)

Step Three: Organize and evaluate the information

- How will you organize your information?
- What patterns or ideas come out from the information?

Step Four: Interpret the information and present conclusions

• Include a works cited page with sources (Tips for citing sources)

→ 300-500 words Typed or neatly handwritten.