

## KIT: Kayak Information for Teachers

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It's time to launch the **2012 Kayak Kids' Illustrated History Challenge!**

One of your students can win a \$1000 RESP and a trip to Ottawa this fall to attend the **Governor General's History Awards** at Rideau Hall.

To enter, students can either write a story or a comic about an exciting moment in Canadian history. Stories should be 500 to 1200 words long and contain at least 3 original illustrations. Comics should be at least 5 pages and have around 500 words. We have created a **graphic comic** and an **illustrated story template** to help your students get started.

For ideas and inspiration, be sure to check out the stories written by the **2011 winners**. Divya Santhanam (Toronto, ON) and Emilyya Snow (Greenwood, NS), received their awards from Governor-General David Johnston last month in Ottawa.

You can also **click here** to watch a short clip from the ceremony - you won't want to miss 10-year-old Emilyya's speech to the dignitaries and guests!



Complete rules and criteria can be found **here**. The contest closes June, 2012. Get your students writing today so they don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.