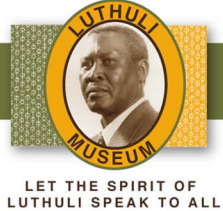




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Essay writing awards ceremony

Money and book vouchers are among the prizes that this year's winners of the Luthuli Museum essay writing competition will walk away with on Friday September 9.

The competition was aimed at grade 11 learners and about 23 learners put their best pen forward. They tackled either one of two topics namely 'If you could go back in time which Native American would you like to meet and give reasons why? Or 'There is much to be learnt from traditional cultural practices. Do you think traditional cultural practices are relevant to the youth today? And if so give an example'.

The competition is part of a joint project between the Luthuli Museum and the American Consulate aimed at broadening understanding and appreciation of different cultures of indigenous people.

The awards ceremony will start at 10am at the Luthuli Museum where the announcement of the winners will be made. Representatives from the American embassy will attend the event.

Earlier in the year the first part of the joint project was an exhibition entitled "Visions of Native Americans" by Edward Sheriff Curtis.

Curtis was an extraordinary photographer who took some of the finest examples of 80-different North American Indians before they came into contact with the white man. A small showing of his work has been on display at the Luthuli Museum since June.

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