

# Elk City, Merritt and Erick Students Win at WARP

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Students from Elk City, Merritt and Erick took top honors at the recent 15<sup>th</sup> annual *Timed Writing and Research Project (WARP)* contest held at the SWOSU-Sayre campus.

The winning students and their essays were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Justice Villa of Elk City H.S. with the essay *“Pointless Protest”* - \$600 scholarship.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Destry Pollard of Merritt H.S. with the essay *“Atomic Energy can be used for Peaceful Purposes”* - \$500 scholarship.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Makenzie Kelly of Erick H.S. with the essay *“Privacy or Security”* - \$400 scholarship.

Around 40 students from area high schools participated, one of the largest such groups in Timed WARP history, according to contest organizer Judy Haught.

WARP allows the participating students to receive valuable feedback on their research and writing skills. The theme of this year’s competition was “History for Today and Tomorrow”. Students viewed short videos on five significant historical events of the past that were to serve as starting points for their essays. The students had three hours to research their topic and complete an essay.

Haught thanks all that helped make this a very successful event, including Jan Davis, archivist for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, who staged excellent workshop for accompanying teachers.