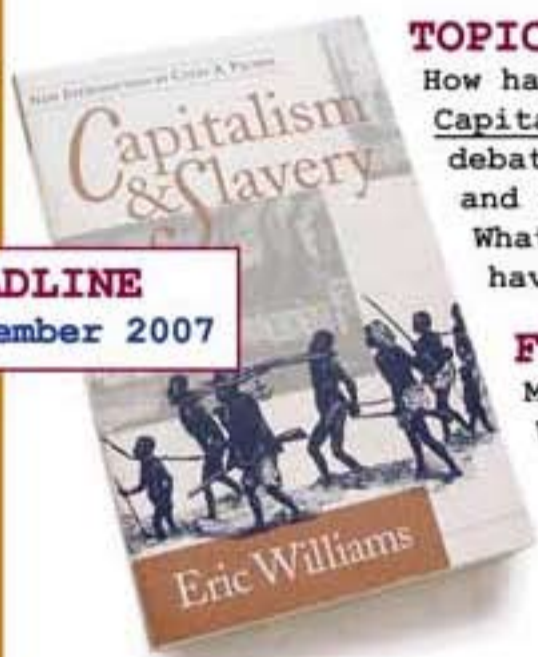


# ERIC WILLIAMS "SCHOOL BAGS" ESSAY COMPETITION

"...you carry the future of [the Nation] in your schoolbags." Eric Eustace Williams, August 1962



**DEADLINE**  
15 December 2007

## TOPIC

How has Eric Williams' 63-year-old book Capitalism and Slavery shaped current debates on the commerce in African slaves and the abolition of slavery?

What relevance, if any, do these debates have for today's student?

## FORMAT

Maximum 3000 words, Typed or Microsoft Word, double-spaced, font size: 12 pt.

## ELIGIBILITY

Final Year Sixth Form students in the former and current British-colonized Caribbean countries.

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## FIRST PRIZE

Trip to Trinidad and Tobago with approved chaperone includes:

- Airfare and 4-nights double accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily
- Tour of Eric Williams Memorial Collection and University of the West Indies campus
- US \$1,000 educational voucher
- Courtesy calls on President of Trinidad and Tobago, Speaker of Parliament and tour of Parliament
- Framed certificate
- Essay publication
- A Trinidad and Tobago winner will receive a trip to Jamaica.

**AWARDS**  
1st March 2008

## SECOND PRIZE

Laptop computer

## THIRD PRIZE

US \$500 educational voucher

## SCHOOL PRIZE

Trophy, set of Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History

All winners also receive a set of Eric Williams' books.

**RULES**

1. Entries must be students' own unaided effort.
2. Source information must be acknowledged – at least five references.
3. A bibliography must be included.
4. Evidence of plagiarism will result in disqualification.
5. Entries must include: name of student, class/form, name of school, school mailing and email address, school stamp and signature of Principal.

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Bicentenary of the British Abolition  
of the Transatlantic Slave Trade