

St. Mark Festival Mahragan AlKeraza

Midwest Coptic Orthodox Churches Research Paper Rules

**This competition is for participants in 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, 7th-8th, 9th-12th,
College Students and Adults.**

1. Choose a topic related and connect it to the Mahragan theme.

*You may use this link as a guide to your research. <http://www.copticchurch.net/topics/synexarion/>

2. Page count per grade group:

A. Double Spaced on standard size paper with 1" margins on all sides using 12pt. Font and Times New Romans Font. (MLA format) MUST HAVE A Works Cited!!!!

B. 3rd -4th: 1 page

C. 5th- 6th: 2 pages

D. 7th-8th: 3 pages

E. 9th-12th: 4 pages

F. College & Adults: 5 – 6 pages

3. All research papers **MUST** be the student's original work. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited and your paper will not be accepted into the regional competition. Your paper must include quotes from your outside research. A reference/works cited page **MUST** be included with your paper, stating which sources you used for your research. That does not mean you copy the research you found because that means you are LYING to God. Be honest about your work and make sure you did not copy what is on the internet. Refer to MLA citing format on Google. (IF THERE IS NO WORK(S) CITED, THEN THE PAPER WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED. IF THERE IS A WORKS CITED, BUT YOU COPIED THE ARTICLE, IT WILL STILL BE DISQUALIFIED).

4. All papers must be made only for this year's Mahragan. **Any previous papers will be disqualified.**

5. The top 3 names are the only names allowed to compete in the regional competition. **Additional or substituted papers/names are not allowed to join the competition.**

6. On the cover page, put your name, church name, title of your paper, and your grade level.

7. Pictures are optional, but they must not take over the length of the paper.

8. **The servant from your church must** email the top 3 in each grade group by **the date on the important dates for this year**. There will be no exceptions for research paper submissions after this date.

9. All papers must be the original work of the participant and should reflect his or her creative ability. All based on individual or group effort.

10. Your Paper should include:

Cover Page: Separate page stating your name, church, etc.

Introduction: Introduce your topic and who your saint is or who the groups of people are. The last sentence of the introduction must state how you see this saint or people connect to the theme of the Festival throughout his or her life.

Body paragraphs: Discuss in detail the life of the saint. Ex. What he/she went through, how they changed, etc.

Conclusion: Summarize what you talked about and state what you learned from this saint.

Works Cited: Must be in a separate page like the cover page.

Sample of in-text citation and works cited:

1. According to John Smith, "The prophecies in the Old Testament were fulfilled in the New Testament" (Smith).

Works Cited

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