

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST EXCERPTS

"If they tear it down I will not get to share the historical facts and memories of Deep Ellum with my kids. No one will be able to share the facts about Deep Ellum with their kids because if it is not around, people will forget about it and not share the facts about it."

--Cassidy Cocke (Age 8), Scofield Christian School

"The first place is Winfrey Point. This building was built in 1942. Today it hosts parties and events. I am a girl scout and we have our ice cream social meetings there. I don't know where we would have our meeting if Winfrey Point was gone."

--Mabry Webb (Age 8), St. Thomas Aquinas School

"Old houses are definitely the most important and most beautiful things to recycle!!!!"

--Giovanni Delgadillo (Age 10), Ashley Elementary School, Frisco I.S.D.

"Preserving Dealey Plaza is important. Though it may be a terrible site to remember what occurred, how are others going to learn about this if it is destroyed. We can honor this historical site."

--Tanisha Rimmer, St. Thomas Aquinas School

"History plays a big part in our universe."

--Dan Gold

"We need to start protecting this old building (Crozier Tech). It is important because getting an education is important and protecting our history is important, so that future generations will understand how we got to where we are. Old buildings are a great way to teach about the past, and education is so important for our future. Don't you want to take a part in preserving this building? This place matters!"

--Martin Heitzman, St. Thomas Aquinas School

"If it gets torn down or something we would never get it back."

--Kameron Franklin, St. Thomas Aquinas School

"So people let's go save Crozier Tech High School! I mean we shouldn't just leave it sitting there, let's turn it into something new. YEAH! Maybe the building could be a museum about Crozier Tech. That would be great!"

--Kate Lacina (Age 11), St. Thomas Aquinas School

"When I am old I will want to tell my kids and grandkids about how I went to the same fair when I was their age. I hope that the State Fair is still open for future generations to come, because in the future lots of old buildings and houses will be gone. Take the street Vanderbilt for instance. There are a lot of new suburb looking houses that are BORING, they all look the SAME. That's not fun. I am not saying that all of them are ugly but I like the original houses the ones that have history."

--Libby Higgins, St. Thomas Aquinas School

"To preserve Dealey Plaza you need to keep it beautiful for everyone and to keep it beautiful for the next generations to come."

--Isabel Tschorr (Age 11), St. Thomas Aquinas School

"Fair Park as designated a National Historic Landmark in 1986, because of its exceptional significance in American history. It has been a historic landmark for me since 1998, the year I was born. I have been coming to Fair Park and the State Fair of Texas since I was born. It is a tradition in my family. Fair Park's significance is derived from its 105-year history with The State Fair of Texas. It is home to the Cotton Bowl which was originally built in 1930 and has been expanded several times over the years. Many famous football games have been played there. Fair Park is also home to many cultural exhibits and productions. Fair Park is far too important to the people of Dallas and Texas to lose. It is far too important to me to not be able to carry on my family's tradition with my children someday."

--Taité Lozano Brown (Age 11), St. Thomas Aquinas School

"Crozier Tech is a school that can be used in so many possible ways. It could be made into a Dallas Schools Museum, or a restaurant, or a library. You could even make it back into a fully used school again."

--Eliza Davis

"It would be a waste of wood, a waste of other supplies that people used to build it (Crozier Tech) with."

--Alyssa Mendoza (Age 11), St. Thomas Aquinas School