

# What did Elmira do for Mark Twain?

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mark Twain's death, the Chemung County Historical Society (CCHS) is hosting an essay contest for middle and high school students in Chemung County. Students are asked to answer this question, "What did Elmira do for Mark Twain?" One middle school entry and one high school entry will be selected as the winning essays. The winning essays will be published in the December 2010 issue of *The Chemung Historical Journal*. The *Journal* is published quarterly by CCHS.



Contest rules:

- The contest is open to middle and high school students residing and attending school in Chemung County.
- Only one entry is allowed per student.
- For middle school students entries must be no less than 500 words and no more than 750 words.
- Entries by high school students can be no more than 1200 words.
- Each word or number in the text of the paper counts as one word.
- All sources should be documented using Chicago or MLA style.
- A title page is required as the first page of the entry. The title page must include the student's name, school, grade, name of parent or guardian and contact information.
- Entries must be computer printed on plain white 8.5 x 11-inch paper with 1-inch margins on all sides.
- Pages must be numbered consecutively and double spaced with writing on one side and no more than 12 characters per inch or no less 10 point type.
- Entries should not be enclosed in a cover or binder

Two copies of the essay must be submitted to the Chemung Valley History Museum, located at 415 East Water Street in Elmira, by 5 pm on Friday, March 12, 2010.

Winners will be invited to the opening reception for the exhibit *Mark Twain in Elmira* on Thursday, April 15 at the Chemung Valley History Museum where they will read portions of their essays.

For more information, contact the education coordinator at 734-4167 or [educator@chemungvalleymuseum.org](mailto:educator@chemungvalleymuseum.org).