

## SASHT ONLINE HISTORY QUIZ OFF TO A GOOD START

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In 2016 the South African Society for History Teaching launched a quiz based along similar lines of the well-known History Olympiad, but with a modern twist. The quiz is based on multiple choice questions and is completed on line. Careful consideration was given to naming the quiz and the madeSA – National History Quiz of Milestones and Legacies in South Africa was born.

After a successful pilot in 2015, the SASHT launched its first formal online quiz this year on 23 May. The focus for this year's questions was Resistance in South Africa during 1948-1964.

Schools that entered paid a nominal fee of R100-00 and schools from Gauteng, North West, KwaZulu Natal and Western Cape were represented. A total of 173 learners logged in to complete the test during the 90 minute window it was available on the website. Once they have logged on, learners had a limited time of 30 minutes in which to complete the test. The online programme further allowed just one opportunity to answer a question and once that have moved on, there was no going back to double check. The questions proved to be quite challenging but a total of 48 learners qualified for receiving a certificate for scoring above 50% average. Book prizes sponsored by SASHT were awarded to the top achievers.

The results for the top participants are: First place: Cyle Smith from Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck; Second place: Grace Taylor from Cornwall Hill College; Third place is shared by: Nombuso Mthembu from Glenvista High and Sean Cameron from Cornwall Hill College.

The madeSA online quiz will be run annually and we believe participation will grow as the feedback from schools was very positive. The team responsible for making the quiz possible is Prof Elize van Eeden, Patrick McMahon, Jimmy Verner and Rika Odendaal-Kroon (coordinator).



**Winner**

Jason Cyle Smith from Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck.

Members of the SASHT visited the school to hand over his book prize and certificate.

From left to right: Prof R Siebörger (SASHT), Me V Swart (History teacher), Jason Cyle Smith, Mr Franken (principal) and Mr B Firth (SASHT)



**Second place**

Grace Taylor from Cornwall Hill College with History teacher Me V du Toit



**Third place is shared by:**

Nombuso Mthembu from Glenvista High and Sean Cameron from Cornwall Hill College.