

Debs Foundation Essay Contest 2012
Scoring Guidelines

- ____/10 Appropriate length (2+ pages, 12 point font, 1 inch margins)
- ____/20 Does the quote below, the subject of the essay contest, appear in the text?
 **“Through all the ages the badge of labor has been the badge of servitude,
 when it ought to be the badge of honor.”**

 (“Said by Debs,” Appeal to Reason, Oct. 3, 1908)
- ____/30 Discussion of the relevance of the quote for Debs’ time period (1890s/1900s)
 For example: 1-2 paragraphs that demonstrate that the student has thought
 about what life was like in the 1890s-1900s and that the student understands
 how Debs tried to meet those challenges (may have brought in here aspects of
 Debs’ leadership style, his union organizing, the multiple times he ran for
 political office, the fact that he served time in jail for defending his beliefs, etc.)
- ____/30 Discussion of the relevance of the quote for us in 2012
 For example: 1-2 paragraphs that discuss the challenges we face in 2012 and
 how we may (or may not) be using Debs’ philosophy/approach to meet those
 challenges, how learning about Debs might help us face those challenges, etc.
- ____/10 Enthusiasm? Well-written? Good ideas? Conveyed a connection with Debs?
- ____/100 **Total**