



GAPAGT Creative Writing Competition Rules

Open to GISD passionate writers, grades 3rd – 12th

Each entry will be judged based on its artistic expression; however, technical merit will also be a factor. Finalists (evaluated by student grade and category) will be announced January 28, 2010. The winning entries will be published in a book that will be available in the spring. Although graphic novels may be submitted in color, the final book will be printed in black and white.

Categories:

- ⇒ Poetry
- ⇒ Fiction
- ⇒ Non-fiction (includes memoir, personal essay, narrative)
- ⇒ Graphic novel

Rules:

- All entries must be submitted by Tuesday, December 1, 2009 before 12:00 pm, noon.
- Each submission must have a cover sheet attached (see website: www.gapagt.org) containing the author's name, grade (3-12), category, and title of work. Additionally, the cover sheet must contain the hand-written statement "This is my original work." All entries are to be turned-in to a designated teacher at your school (a list is available on our website).
- In addition to providing a hard copy, e-mail the cover sheet information (name, grade, category, title) to dcooley@gapagt.org and attach your composition as a Microsoft Word (.doc) file. This does not apply to graphic novels.
- All entries (with the exception of graphic novels) must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Roman Times. The total length in any category can be no longer than 15 pages. At the top of each page, in the right hand corner, place the title of the work and the page number (do not include your name anywhere but on the cover sheet). Drawings, photographs or artwork will not be accepted unless as a graphic novel submission.
- Each student may only submit one entry per category.
- All entries must be the work of a single student with the exception of a graphic novel which may be created by a team of two students.
- No foreign language submissions will be considered. However, limited foreign language dialog is acceptable if it is understandable within the context of the entire work.
- Entries that include the use of profane language or explicit adult situations will not be accepted.
- Entries cannot be returned. Please submit copies of work, not originals.
- Each work must be the original work of the student author. No plagiarism. No parental assistance, embellishment or editing. Parent may type final work, but cannot alter content.
- The decisions of the judges are final. Submission indicates acceptance of the rules.

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