



Creative Writing Contest 2010-2011 Entry Rules

The contest is open to students in grades 4-12 and Adult Learners at participating schools. Each student may only submit one entry [choose between writing, reflection, or cover art]. Only individual students may enter - no collaborative work accepted.

Book Review: a specialized essay in which a book is analyzed based on content, style and merit. The reviewer must state

the main points of the reviewed book and his/her reaction to it.

- ❖ Grades 4-5, 300 words maximum
- ❖ Grades 6-8, 600 words maximum
- ❖ Grades 9-11, Grade 12 and Adult Learner, 900 words maximum

Story: fiction which must have a definite beginning, middle and end; character development; a single theme or tone, one central idea.

- ❖ Grades 4-5, 600 words
- ❖ Grades 6-8, 1200 words
- ❖ Grades 9-11, and Grade 12, and Adult Learner, maximum 2000 words

Essay: clearly shows the author's feelings, thoughts and/or research such as: opinion piece, science report, thoughts on a real-life experience or current event, etc.

- ❖ Grades 4-5, 300 words
- ❖ Grades 6-8, 600 words
- ❖ Grades 9-11, Grade 12 and Adult Learner, 900 words maximum

Regular Poetry: Only free verse or rhymed- **NOTE NEW LENGTH: 30 LINES MAXIMUM**

Structured Poetry: Haiku, Diamond, Acrostic, Sonnet, Shape Poem, Limerick [set of 3 related by subject] - **NOTE NEW LENGTH: 30 LINES MAXIMUM**

Found Poetry, Photo Reflection, and Cover Art: See next page!



Photo Reflection:

- ❖ For all grade levels & adults.
- ❖ Entry includes a photo taken by the student in the current school year and submitted at this site.
- ❖ The photo serves as the focal point of the written Reflection.
- ❖ The reviewer chooses 1 category of the following reflections:
 - Photo to text [how the photo relates to a piece of writing – you must include author and title]
 - Photo to self [how the photo relates to the author's personal experiences]
 - Photo to world [how the photo relates to what is happening in the world]
- ❖ 100 words maximum

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Cover Art:

- ❖ For 9-12 grade and adult students
- ❖ Entry can be hand-drawn and/or computer generated art
- ❖ The cover must include these words –
 - "CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST"
 - "WINNING ENTRIES"
 - "2010-2011"
 - "TOMPKINS-SENECA-TIOGA BOCES" or "T-S-T BOCES"
- ❖ Entry must be in black ink [student may express colored cardstock choice]
- ❖ Entry must be submitted through this site and digitally attached through our jpeg attachment.

Found Poetry:

- ❖ For 9-12 grade and adult students
- ❖ Found Poetry title must be formatted: "___ after [title and author of original work]"
For instance:
"Whaling after Moby Dick by Herman Melville"
- ❖ NOTE: 30 LINES MAXIMUM

**CREATIVE WRITING
CONTEST
DEADLINE
is
Thursday,
MARCH 31, 2011**

*Need help using the
Creative Writing Contest website?*

*Email
creativewriting@tstboces.org*

Follow the rules.....Don't risk having your entry rejected!!

- A. You can only register your entry *electronically through this website*.
 - Important! Save an electronic copy of your work in case TST-BOCES may need it.
- B. *Carefully* follow the prompts to enter the Contest.
 - All rules must be followed in order to submit your work.
- C. If your teacher's name doesn't appear, you can't register.
 - Ask your teacher to email creativewriting@tstboces.org to sign-up. Once your teacher has signed-up, you may register.
- D. You can only register ONCE. Each student may only submit one entry [choose between writing, photo reflection, or cover art].
- E. It must be original work written in the current school year.

SUBMITTING YOUR WORK:

1. Enter your **STUDENT INFORMATION** [name, grade, etc] and your **ENTRY INFORMATION** [category, title, etc].
2. Click "submit" button.
3. Review information, if correct, click the "yes" button.
4. You will see the "**CREATIVE WRITING STUDENT SUBMIT**" area. You will see automatically entered below, your **STUDENT INFORMATION, ENTRY INFORMATION and TITLE**.
5. Underneath the tool bar, you will see the area to submit your "body of work".
6. Submit your "body of work" by copy/pasting. You can also directly type in this area also.
 - REMEMBER: The "title of your work", your name, school, etc. were automatically entered already.
 - Re-entering that information in the "body of work" will *automatically disqualify* your entry.
 - Carefully EDIT your entry!
 - NOTE: Any part of your name or school cannot be used in the writing, photo reflection, or cover art.
 - Click "submit" to complete your entry into the Contest. You will see "Your work has been submitted....."

Special Entry information for Photo Reflection- Cover Art:

1. After review your STUDENT / ENTRY information and clicking the "yes" button, the next screen appears. Click "Choose File" and attach jpeg [photo] file.
2. On same screen, click "Upload file". A new screen will show your photo. Click "Continue" if image is correct. Click the BACK BUTTON if wrong photo attached, start again.
3. For Photo Reflection, follow the directions given above in "Submitting Your Work" #4 to complete your written part and final entry. For Cover Art, click "submit" to complete entry.

If you think you made a mistake after submitting your completed entry online, immediately contact your teacher!

Electronic Submission by the TST-BOCES online website is the only accepted way of submitting your Creative Writing Contest entry.

Prizes: All students are recognized with an individual certificate. Trophies, Booklet of Winning Entries* and possibly other prizes may be awarded.

*Please note: Winning Entries are published in the Booklet of Winning Entries which is distributed to schools, winners and their families.

The Creative Writing Contest Editors reserve the right to edit or withhold any winning entry deemed unsuitable for family reading.