



NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES

2010 Student Writing Contest
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Choose to write about one or more of the following categories from your age group:

HIGH SCHOOL EDITION (Grades 9 – 12)

- **POETRY “Tweeting the Bard”** (Rewrite a famous Shakespearian play in 140 characters or less.)
- **STORY “Lonely Planet”** (Write a Travel Guide to an Imaginary World)
- **STORY “Make `em Cry”** (Write a tearjerker of a story, though not necessarily a tragedy.)
- **POETRY “Lyrically Speaking”** (You’re a songwriter, so show us your lyrics.)
- **STORY “Short Short Story”** (Write a Twitter-style short story in 140 characters or less.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION (Grades 6 – 8)

- **POETRY “Haiku & You”** (Write a Haiku about your favorite ANYTHING)
- **STORY “The Catch”** (Write a baseball story, or a story with a fish as the main character.)
- **STORY “I am the Game”** (You are trapped in your favorite video game)
- **STORY “Pick a President”** (Put yourself as the main character and best friend of a future President in an era when the president is your age.)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDITION (Grades 1 – 5)

- **STORY “Me? A spy?”** (Write a mystery story in which you are a spy.)
- **STORY “Creature Feature”** (Write a story that uses the first line “A low growl came from my . . .”)
- **STORY “Fractured Fairy Tale”** (Write *your* version of a classic fairy tale—or make up one of your own.)
- **ESSAY “Pettastic!”** (Why is your pet the greatest pet ever?)

West Virginia Writers, Inc. continues its annual writing contest for students in grades 1 - 12. This year we're adding a couple of new twists to the contest... We know the students of our state can write with the best of them, so this year only students living in West Virginia can enter. Give us your best shot at one or more of these prompts from the above categories. Or enter all of them in your age group, because the other major twist to the contest is...

THERE'S NO ENTRY FEE

EACH AGE GROUP ABOVE WILL HAVE AWARDS FOR

1ST PLACE - \$ 100.00 • 2ND PLACE - \$ 50.00 • 3RD PLACE - \$ 25.00

Please see official rules and entry form on second page.

O F F I C I A L C O N T E S T R U L E S

Entry Fee: There is no entry fee for this contest. Late fees, however, will apply after March 16, 2010 (see below).

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2010.

Late Entry Deadline: If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2010, add \$1.00 fee for each manuscript.

Eligibility: Entrant must be in grades 1 - 5 for the Elementary Competition, grades 6 - 8 for the Middle School Competition, or grades 9 - 12 for the High School Competition, and must be a West Virginia resident. All entries must be original work of the entrant. Works that have won a cash prize in any past WVW Competitions are **not eligible**. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2010, are **not eligible**. A work will be considered published if it has been printed in a publication with a distribution of 1000 or more, or if it has been published on a webpage that has received or could receive 1000 or more viewers annually. However, if less than 25% of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.

Guidelines: Send copies only. Manuscripts must be titled, typed in standard 12-point font on one side of 8.5 x 11 white paper. (A parent or teacher may type the entry.) STORY (fiction or nonfiction) must be double-spaced. POETRY may be single-spaced. The work is limited to 2000 words. The category in which the manuscript is being entered should appear in the upper left corner of the first page of the manuscript. Artwork will not be considered in the judging. **The author's name**

must NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript. This entry form should be paper-clipped to the manuscript.

Disclaimer: WVW, Inc., and Contest Administrator are not responsible for manuscripts that are delayed, lost in the mail, mailed to the wrong address, or damaged in delivery. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Winners: There will be one set of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for each age group and the winners will be chosen from the best of all categories in each age group, as determined by the contest judges for that age group. Winners will be announced at WV Writers Annual Conference, June 12, 2010, at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV. For a list of winners, enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope or email address.

Mail entries by regular mail only (**NO signature-required mail will be accepted**). Schools may combine entry forms in a single envelope with one check, although each student must have a separate entry form. Address

**West Virginia Writers, Inc.
Nadine McKinney, NMV Contest Administrator
PO Box 248
Peytona, WV 25154**

Questions? Email westvirginiawriters@gmail.com or call 304-836-5880. Downloadable entry form and Frequently Asked Questions information is available at <http://www.wvwriters.org/contest.html>.

Title of Entry _____ Student Name _____

Category of Entry _____

School _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____ Email _____

____ I would like to become a member of WVW, Inc., and receive a quarterly newsletter with writing tips, news, and articles, receive discounts at writing events, and have opportunities to meet or join an email group with other writers.

LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$1 PER entry)
\$ _____

MEMBERSHIP (Optional)
\$ 5.00

TOTAL # OF ENTRIES _____

TOTAL
\$ _____

PARENT OR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the entry submitted is the sole and original work of this student.

Parent or Teacher Signature _____ Date _____



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