



West Virginia Writers, Inc.  
New Mountain Voices  
2012 Student Writing Contest  
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Choose to write about one or more of the following six prompts:

- **“Diary of a Zombie Kid”** (What would a typical day for a zombie be like? Show us the zombie kid’s diary.)
- **“West Virginia Legends”** (From John Henry to the Mothman to the Flatwoods Monster, our state is full of legends. Here’s your chance to make up a story or poem about one.)
- **“My Hero...”** (Think of the person or character you consider to be a hero in your life and write a story or poem about him or her.)
- **“I Spied...”** (You’ve seen something you weren’t supposed to see. What was it and what were the consequences?)
- **“The Scariest Thing That Ever Happened to Me”** (Use your imagination to write a story or poem about the scariest event in your life.)
- **“The Adventures of Super Sam”** (Super Sam is, well, SUPER. A hero of epic proportions. Tell us about Sam’s latest adventure.)

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West Virginia Writers, Inc. continues its annual writing contest for students in grades 1 - 12. There will be three prizes for each age group (1-5, 6-8, 9-12). Give us your best shot at any or all of the six prompts above.

**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.**



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## 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, 2012 (see below).

**Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2012.

**Late Entry Deadline:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2012, 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, 2012, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9, 2012, 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.**  
**Teresa Newsome**  
**5245 Pond Fork Rd.**  
**Madison, WV 25130**

**Questions?** Email [wvwcontest@gmail.com](mailto:wvwcontest@gmail.com) or call 304-601-2460. 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 \_\_\_\_\_