

WHAT'S YOUR WRITE



Maple Leaf International School

2019 'What's Your Write?' Contest Categories

Short Stories -- (Grades K-12)

Tell a tale; spin a yarn; weave a web of mystery, intrigue, or romance -- what's YOUR story?

Graphic Story/Children's Picture Books -- (Grades K-12)

Write and illustrate a children's picture book or graphic story. This can be done free hand or by using the computer. Two or more students can collaborate to create a single book.

French/Spanish Language Story -- (Grades 4-12)

Write and illustrate a children's picture book, or write a short story in your second language.

Script Writing -- (Grades 4-12)

Script a short play or monologue. Include stage directions. Submit a hard copy of the script as well as an electronic audio or audiovisual performance of it.

Poetry -- (Grades 2-12)

"The poet is a liar who always speaks the truth." (Jean Cocteau)

Write your truth in your favourite poetic form(s). You can also craft your poetry in the form of lyrics for a song.

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Creative Nonfiction

Senior Category – (Grades 10-12): Passion Paper

What's on your mind? Put those thoughts on paper and convince us of your point of view on a global, local, or school issue; a hobby; an innovative idea; a pet peeve; a rant or a speech ... the only limit is your imagination.

Be sure to cite any quotations and researched information in APA/MLA format.

Junior Category – (Grades 7 & 8): Descriptive Paragraph / Essay

Describe your favourite (or least favourite) meal, place, outing, sport, school subject, toy, animal, person, hobby, book etc. Use details so we can taste, smell, touch, hear or experience it with you.

Research Paper -- (Grades 10-12)

Research and compose a report in any field of your liking! Science, technology, sociology, psychology, crime, gender studies, media, business, politics, international studies, languages, etc. Formulate a professional report, cite your information and make a contribution to people's knowledge!

Film -- (Grades 10-12)

Is movie-making your passion? Then why not bring your writing to life on the screen? Brainstorm, audition, direct and produce your very own film. The film must be at least three minutes long. Submissions for this category must be emailed or shared with Ms. Mohammed, gmohammed@mapleleaf-school.com or Ms. Lewis, jlewis@mapleleaf-school.com

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ebook – (Grades 10-12)

Try your hand at writing your story digitally by using ebook creator websites such as Storybird.com or Canva.com. You can also use any other ebook application you might know of or have access to. This could be a short story, a collection of poems (no less than five poems) or a creative non-fiction piece. Submissions for this category must be emailed or shared with Ms. Mohammed, gmohammed@mapleleaf-school.com or Ms. Lewis, jlewis@mapleleaf-school.com

Animation – (Grades 10-12)

Visual display of three-dimensional characters moving on the screen. You can bring your story to life using the media of animation. Websites such as Powtoon.com provides you with all the tools you need to successfully create computer animation to bring your story to life in 3D. Submissions for this category must be emailed or shared with Ms. Mohammed, gmohammed@mapleleaf-school.com or Ms. Lewis, jlewis@mapleleaf-school.com

Staff

This year, we have a special category just for staff! So take out your pens, sharpen your pencils, or tame those mice and let the creative juices flow. Staff can submit pieces of writing according to any of the category descriptions above.

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Specially Sponsored Prizes:

Guardian Award for Excellence in News Reporting-- (Grades 7-12)

Is there an issue taking place at school, neighbourhood or throughout the world, you would like to report on? Tell us in no less than 500 words what is happening. Remember a news report is not about personal opinion, but the facts.

Humorous Story -- Principal's Prize for Excellence in Writing (One overall winner across divisions)

Tickle our funny bones. Write a story that can make us laugh, lift someone's day and bring joy to someone's heart.

Contest begins February 7th and ends April 8th

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