

42nd Annual NJCL Creative Writing Contest

Topic: Journal Entry!



Choosing a character from Classical history or mythology, write a journal/diary from their perspective.



You can cover one day or many days or years in the life of your chosen character. Make sure your character is well researched, though you may use creative license where information is unavailable.

For more information: <https://www.wikihow.com/Keep-a-Journal>

This contest is open to all members of the National Junior Classical League.

All students who submit stories must be registered members of the NJCL in order to win.

The names of any winners in attendance at the 2020 NJCL Convention will be announced, although a student does not need to attend the convention in order to enter or win this contest.

Deadline for entries is Friday, February 21, 2020

Any entries received later than two days after the deadline will not be judged.

Follow these links for specific instructions...

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact BRANDY HENRICKS-MARSON via email at creativewriting@nicl.org

Creative Writing

1. Entries for the Creative Writing contest must be submitted to the NCJCL President's Sponsor by the pre-convention postmark deadline announced in the fall e-mail and on the website where addresses are also listed. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be judged.
2. The names of the all winners will be printed in the spring issue of the Torch: NC available at the State Convention. The best overall ("Best in Show") poem will be featured in the spring Torch: NC.
3. This contest is found at both the state and national level.
4. The topic is set on the national level and can be found annually on the national website at www.njcl.org – click activities, contests and then creative writing contest for topic.
5. If competing at the national level, check out the details for submission on the national website www.njcl.org as this is now electronically submitted.
6. Students do NOT need to attend the state convention to compete in the creative writing contest, but chapter registration for state convention is required.
7. A student may submit only one creative writing project.
8. Each chapter is limited to twelve (12) creative writing submissions.
9. There will be three divisions; lower (6-8), middle (9-10), and upper (11-12).
10. Three copies must be submitted, each stapled separately, and each copy must have the title of the entry and student's NCJCL ID number typed on the top of each numbered page.
11. There must be no identifying marks on any copy.
12. The entries must be written to meet the following criteria
 1. 900-1,200 words, typed and double spaced with each page numbered
 2. have a bibliography
 3. no cardboard or plastic covers and no artwork.
13. One copy must have a cover sheet attached by paperclip with the following information:

<i>Title of the Entry</i>	<i>Student's NCJCL ID number</i>
<i>School Name</i>	<i>Grade Level</i>
<i>Student's Name</i>	<i>Level of Latin</i>
<i>Sponsor's Name</i>	<i>Signature of Sponsor</i>

Attributes	Points
Originality, Creativity, Imagination	25
Style and Clarity	10
Grammar (spelling, punctuation, capitalization)	10
Organization and Development	10
Historical Accuracy	10
Bibliography	10
Overall Effect	10
Quality Contest (adherence to topic)	10
Length (over 5 pages may be disqualified)	5
Total	100