Southwest Michigan
Teen Creative Writing Challenge 2020
Entries Accepted November 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020
https://www.vbdl.org/creative-writing-challenge/

COMICS RULES
1st Place $100  2nd Place $50  3rd Place $25

General Guidelines
- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Comics may be submitted by one person or as a collaboration between one writer and one artist. Cash prizes will be split between co-creators.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Hard copies will not be accepted.

Technical Specifications
- Comics must be at least one full page and no longer than five. Each page must be a minimum of 6"x9" and numbered.
- Artwork must be original hand-drawn art, digital art, etc. NO clipart, images, etc., found on the Internet or elsewhere may be used. Tracing of other images, etc., is not permissible.
- Only JPEG/JPG or TIFF/TIF files allowed. PDFs will not be accepted.
- Recommended dimensions: 2,560 pixels (H) x 1,600 pixels (W). Minimum requirements: 1,000 x 626 pixels. Maximum: 10,000 x 10,000 pixels.
- Recommended minimum resolution: 300 DPI.
- Files must be less than 50mb.

Submitting Your Work
- Go to: https://www.vbdl.org/creative-writing-challenge/
- Fill out all necessary information
- Click on “Choose File” to upload your work
- Click on “Submit” Note: All submissions are final. No edits or changes can be made once submitted.

Winners will be announced the week of April 13, 2020
Awards Ceremony is June 20 at 2 pm at the Dowagiac Performing Arts Center

Have contest related questions? Contact your local library or email TCWC@vbdl.org

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COVER ART RULES
1st Place $100  2nd Place $50  3rd Place $25

General Guidelines
• Participants may submit one entry per category.
• Participants must be in grades 7-12.
• Only works produced by a single artist are allowed.
• Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
• Hard copies will not be accepted.

Technical Specifications
• Artwork must be sized to accommodate the cover of a 6"x9" book.
• Portrait orientation is preferred. Larger images, landscape, or odd dimensions will be adjusted to fit cover of book.
• Artwork must be original hand-drawn art, digital art, photography, painting, etc. NO clipart, images, etc., found on the Internet or elsewhere may be used. Tracing of other images, etc., is not permissible.
• Only JPEG/JPG or TIFF/TIF files allowed. PDFs will not be accepted.
• Recommended dimensions: 2,560 pixels (H) x 1,600 pixels (W). Minimum requirements: 1,000 x 626 pixels. Maximum: 10,000 x 10,000 pixels.
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FICTION RULES
Must be between 1,000 and 3,000 words.

1st Place $100  2nd Place $50  3rd Place $25
Prizes for each category in Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

General Guidelines
- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Stories must be written by a single writer.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Handwritten and/or hard copies will not be accepted.
- Illustrated stories will not be accepted.

Submitting Your Work
- Go to: https://www.vbdl.org/creative-writing-challenge/
- Fill out all necessary information
- Click on “Choose File” to upload your work
- Work must be submitted in black Arial, Helvetica or Times New Roman fonts, minimum 10-point size.
- Accepted formats: .doc, .docx, .pdf or .rtf
- Click on “Submit” Note: All submissions are final. No edits or changes can be made once submitted.

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FLASH FICTION RULES
Flash Fiction: A story of extreme brevity that still offers character and plot development. Must be 500 words or fewer.

1st Place $100    2nd Place $50    3rd Place $25
Prizes for each category in Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

General Guidelines
• Participants may submit one entry per category.
• Participants must be in grades 7-12.
• Stories must be written by a single writer.
• Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
• Handwritten and/or hard copies will not be accepted.
• Illustrated stories will not be accepted.

Submitting Your Work
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• Fill out all necessary information
• Click on “Choose File” to upload your work
• Work must be submitted in black Arial, Helvetica or Times New Roman fonts, minimum 10-point size.
• Accepted formats: .doc, .docx, .pdf or .rtf
• Click on “Submit” Note: All submissions are final. No edits or changes can be made once submitted.

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Poetry Rules
Poems must be no longer than 225 lines.

1st Place $100  2nd Place $50  3rd Place $25
Prizes for each category in Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

General Guidelines
- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Poems must be written by a single writer.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Handwritten and/or hard copies will not be accepted.
- Illustrated poems will not be accepted; however, concrete or shape poetry will be allowed.

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