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For Winter Break “Fun”

**Sam Houston State University**

**College of Criminal Justice Essay Contest**

Grade:

- 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students may enter

Topic:

- Design an original program designed to reduce juvenile crime.

Rules:

- Essay must be typed and double-spaced
- Essay must contain at least 1000 words but no more than 1500 words.
- Entry must be written in MLA or APA format.
- Any quotations or copyrighted materials used in the essay must be identified properly.
- Essays must be written in English
- Before submitting the essay to Sam Houston you must attach a copy of the Contest Entry Form (found in the Career Center at CTE Center) by the end of February.

Cash Prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner - \$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner - \$400
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner - \$300
- 4<sup>th</sup> place winner - \$200
- 5<sup>th</sup> place winner - \$100

*Note: You do not have to attend or plan to attend Sam Houston State University for this contest. This is a cash award. It is suggested for you to put your winnings toward your education.*

## 2009 National Youth Science Camp

### National Youth Science Camp (NYSC)

Grade:

- Senior graduating between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences;
- Must demonstrate an application of leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities;
- Must demonstrate skills and achievements outside the realm of science and outside the realm of academic pursuits; and
- Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.

Application Requirements:

A complete application consists of an original and one copy of the following:

1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type),
2. A letter detailing your qualifications and reasons for applying (must be typed),
3. A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,
4. A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and

A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor

Date:

Delegates **MUST** be able to attend the entire NYSC program. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on **Wednesday, July 1, 2009**, and depart on **Saturday, July 25, 2009**.

For More Information go to: <http://www.nysc.org/>

## College / Scholarship Search Sites

Careers and Colleges:

[http://www.careersandcolleges.com/?r=yhscholar&utm\\_source=yahoo&utm\\_medium=ppc&utm\\_term=scholarships](http://www.careersandcolleges.com/?r=yhscholar&utm_source=yahoo&utm_medium=ppc&utm_term=scholarships)

Youth Launch Volunteer Program Scholarship – Active now! Download application at:

<http://youthlaunch.org/programs/scholarship>

Check out this site:

<http://www.scholarships.com/scholarship-search.aspx>

US Bank Internet Scholarship Program:

[https://www.usbank.com/cgi\\_w/cfm/studentloans/marketing.cfm](https://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/studentloans/marketing.cfm)

Deadline Feb. 28, 2009

Grade: Seniors only

Elks National foundation Most Valuable Student Competition

Deadline January 9, 2009

Grade: Senior Only

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

Ron Brown Scholar Program

(African American High School Seniors only)

Deadline January 9, 2009

<http://www.ronbrown.org/Apply/EligibilityRequirements.aspx>

2008-2009 College STEPS Scholarship Sweepstakes

No purchase necessary but you will need to register with CollegeSTEPS Program at

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/student/planning/scholarships/>

Grade: Senior Only

Drawings left for this year will be held on: December 31, 2008 ~ January 31, 2009,  
February 28, 2009 ~ March 31, 2009 ~ April 30, 2009 ~ and May 30, 2009 (up to 6 more  
chances for this scholarship sweepstakes for \$1,000 each drawing)

## **ALBA George Watt Memorial Essay Contest**

### ALBA George Watt Memorial Essay Contest

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA) is pleased to announce the continuing annual competition for the George Watt Memorial Essay prizes. ALBA awards prizes for the best essays about the Spanish Civil War, the global anti-fascist political or cultural struggles of the 1920s and 1930s, or the lifetime histories and contributions of the Americans who fought in support of the Spanish Republic from 1936-1938.

At least two prizes of \$500 each will be awarded each year, one to the best undergraduate student work and one to the best graduate student work on one or more of the above topics. Work will be judged on the basis of originality and effectiveness of argument and presentation. The work must have been produced to fulfill an undergraduate or graduate course or degree requirement. We welcome submissions from both U.S. and international contestants. Essays may be submitted in English or Spanish.

The deadline for receipt of essays is June 1. Works produced either during the year of submission or during the previous calendar year are eligible for the competition. Essays must be at least 5,000 words long to be considered for a prize.

For more information please visit:

[http://www.alba-valb.org/content/index/classroom\\_contest.php](http://www.alba-valb.org/content/index/classroom_contest.php)

#### **Application Deadlines:**

6/1/2009

#### **Maximum Amount:**

\$500



## Announcing the 13th Annual Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest

### [Winners of the 12th Annual Essay Contest](#)

With an unbeatable lineup of over 300 of the greatest literary works the world has ever known, Signet Classics is the publisher that students, education professionals, and the public turn to more than any other. Now, Signet Classics is proud to host its thirteenth annual Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest, in which five high school juniors or seniors can each win a \$1,000 scholarship award to be used toward their higher education plus a Signet Classics library for their school! Students enter by writing an essay on one of four topics posed for this year's competition book, *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.

### Essay Subject

**Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte

### Topics

Select one of the following four topics:

1. Erica Jong, in her "Introduction," in the Signet Classic edition, states:  
The universe of JANE EYRE operates according to female laws. Jane's success as a heroine depends on her breaking all the rules decreed for nineteenth-century women." (p. viii).  
To what extent is *Jane Eyre* an appropriate heroine for the feminist movement? In what ways, if any, does she fall short? Give examples from the novel to support your conclusions.
2. In outline, the novel is a Victorian update of the Cinderella story; a non-descript young woman, poor and abused, catches the eye of a Prince Charming, powerful and wealthy. After a series of obstacles, she marries him, and they live happily ever after. Do you regard the Jane/Rochester story as a fairy tale? If so, discuss the reasons for your opinion. What elements make their love affair seem like a fantasy? Or, do you believe the love between them is realistic? If so, what

accounts for their strong attachment to each other despite the differences between them?

3. Discuss the elements of "paranormal" or supernatural experiences in the novel. Use specific examples to illustrate the way characters' dreams and visions help advance the narrative, reveal psychological complexity, build suspense and evoke sympathy for the characters? You may also discuss the ways such elements enhance (or detract from) the overall realism in the novel.
4. Discuss the issue of social class in the novel. What overt or implied class differences exist between Jane, the governess, and her employers and her young charges? How is Jane's status different from that of other servants in the household? Use specific scenes that illustrate the social system that existed.

### **Official Rules for 13th Annual Signet Student Scholarship Essay Contest**

Open to 11th and 12th grade full-time matriculated students who are attending high schools located in the fifty United States and the District of Columbia, or home-schooled students between the ages of 16-18 who are residents of the United States and the District of Columbia.

#### **How to Enter**

1. *Matriculated students:* Essays must be mailed by an English teacher (each English teacher may submit only one junior and one senior essay) on behalf of the student, along with a cover letter on school letterhead that includes the following details:
  - Date
  - Student's full name, grade, address, e-mail and home telephone number
  - Name of high school
  - Name, e-mail and daytime telephone number of English teacher submitting essay (please include summer contact information if different from school year contact information)
  - Name, e-mail and daytime telephone number of the school's administration officer
  - Topic selected (#1, #2, #3 or #4)

- Certification by teacher that the essay is the student's original work

Essays submitted without a cover letter on school letterhead or cover letters that do not include the above details will be disqualified.

2. *Home-schooled students:* Essays must be mailed by a parent or legal guardian on behalf of the student, along with a cover letter on the parent/legal guardian's letterhead that certifies that the student is home-schooled and that includes the following details:

- Date
- Student's full name, grade, address, e-mail and home telephone number
- Student's equivalent grade
- Topic selected (#1, #2, #3 or #4)
- Certification by sponsoring parent for home-schooled student that the essay is the student's original work
- Name and daytime telephone number and e-mail of the parent/legal guardian

Essays submitted without a cover letter on parent/legal guardian's letterhead or cover letters that do not include the above details will be disqualified.

3. Essays must be at least two and no more than three double-spaced pages, computer or typewritten. Please include three (3) copies of each essay submitted. Entries must be mailed to Penguin Group (USA) Inc., Academic Marketing Department, Signet Classics Essay Student Scholarship Contest, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014. To be eligible, all entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2009 and received on or by April 22, 2009. Submissions by fax, e-mail, disc or any other electronic means will not be considered.
4. Entries will not be returned. By entering the Contest, contestants agree to abide by these rules, and represent and warrant that the entries are their own and original creations, and do not violate or infringe the rights, including, without limitation, copyrights, trademark rights or rights of publicity/privacy, of any third party.
5. Entries are void if they are in whole or in part illegible, incomplete, damaged or handwritten. No responsibility is assumed for late, lost, damaged, incomplete, illegible, postage due or misdirected mail entries.

## Judging

All Eligible entries received will be judged by a qualified panel of judges chosen by Penguin Group (USA) Inc. ("Sponsor") and winners will be selected on or about June 10, 2009. Submissions will be judged on style, content, grammar, and originality. Judges will look for clear, concise writing that is original, articulate, logically organized, and well-supported. Winning essays must demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the themes and issues presented in **Jane Eyre**. Winners will be notified by June 15, 2009 via telephone or e-mail.

## Prizes

Five (5) winners will each be awarded a check in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used toward tuition and/or expenses related to their higher education. Each winner will also receive a Signet Classics Library for their school library, or public library in the case of a home-schooled winner (Approximate Retail Value ("ARV") \$700.00). Total ARV per prize: \$1,700.00.

In the event that there is an insufficient number of qualified entries or if the judges determine in their absolute discretion that no or too few entries meet the quality standards established to award the prizes, Sponsor reserves the right not to award the prizes.

## Eligibility

1. Open to 11th and 12th grade full-time matriculated students who are attending high schools located in the fifty United States and the District of Columbia, or home-schooled students between the ages of 16-18 who are residents of the United States and the District of Columbia. Void where prohibited by law. All state and local restrictions apply.
2. Employees of Sponsor, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliated companies or the agencies of any of these and their immediate family members living in the same household are not eligible for this Contest.

## **General**

1. No cash substitution, transfer or assignment of prizes allowed. In the event of the unavailability of a prize or prizes, Sponsor may substitute a prize or prizes of equal or greater value.
2. All expenses, including taxes (if any), on receipt and use of prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner.
3. Winners may be required to execute an Affidavit of Eligibility and Release. The affidavit must be returned within fourteen (14) days of notification or another winner will be selected. If winner is under 18 years of age, parent/legal guardian will also be required to sign the Affidavit. Because the ARV exceeds \$600.00, winners shall be required to provide a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to Sponsor for issuance of a 1099 Form.
4. By accepting a prize the winners grant to Sponsor the right to edit, publish, copy, display and otherwise use their entries in connection with this Contest, and to further use their names, likenesses, and biographical information in advertising and promotional materials, without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law.
5. By participating in the Contest and/or accepting a prize, contestants release Sponsor, its parent, subsidiaries, and affiliated companies, authors whose books are promoted hereby or the agencies of any of them, from any liability, injury, damages, cost or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or connected to participation in this Contest or the acceptance, possession, use or misuse of any prizes.
6. Any dispute arising from this Contest will be determined according to the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law principles, and the entrants' consent to the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in New York County and agree that such courts have exclusive jurisdiction over all such disputes.

## **Winners' List**

For a copy of the winners' list, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope by December 15, 2009 to Penguin Group (USA) Inc., Academic Marketing Department, Signet Classics

Essay Student Scholarship Contest, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014, or check online after July 1, 2009.

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