

WES SMITH MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

TITLE: The Book that Meant the Most to Me

NUMBER OF WORDS: Not less than 250 and not more than 500 words.

ENTRIES: No more than three essays per club

1. If a club has overlapping grades (7-12), or some variation of this, it should be allowed three essays in each division, junior and senior (six essays in all).
2. If a club has only grades 10-12, it should be allowed only three essays in the senior division.
3. If a club only has grades 7-9, it should be allowed only three essays in the junior division.

Must be written by a registered member of LTLA and the local library/media club.
(4/24/99)

Must not have been previously submitted. (2/18/2000)

ESSAYS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE COVER PAGE:

1. Student's name and division (junior or senior)
2. Name of the school
3. Librarian's name

DEADLINE: November 30th (or date advertised by the committee)

JUDGING: The English Department at a state university will judge the essays.

ALL ESSAYS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE LOUISIANA TEEN-AGE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation must be based on:

1. **BOOK'S MEANING TO THE INDIVIDUAL** (Content) 35 points
2. **STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOOK** 20 points
3. **OVERALL WRITING STYLE** 30 points
4. **GRAMMAR/SPELLING** 15 points

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WINNERS:

1. Awards will be given to **FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD** place winners in each division.
2. Winners will be announced at the second general session of the convention.
3. First place winning essays will be read at the second general session of the convention.
4. Copies of the winning essays will be given to the state historian and to Wes Smith's parents.

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