California Association of Teachers of English

TEXT AND TECH: BLENDBING TRADITION WITH INNOVATION

Innovation is about trying something new while tradition is about honoring the past. Usually innovation and tradition are seen as pulling in opposing directions. Write about a time when innovation and tradition came together. You can write a personal essay, an expository piece, a work of fiction, or a poem that explores this blend of the old and the new.

AWARD CATEGORIES:
Awards will be given in the following divisions:
• Grades 3-4
• Grades 5-6
• Grades 7-8
• Grades 9-10
• Grades 11-12
• College

AWARDS:
Statewide winners in each category will be published in California English.

TO ENTER:
Entries must be sent to and judged in the local council where the teacher’s school is located (see counties below) before they are eligible for statewide consideration. See local contacts below.

DEADLINE: November 1, 2016

Local Council Contacts and their Counties

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Rules for the Writer:
1. Submit your entry to your teacher.
2. You may submit one of the types of writing listed in the prompt above.
3. Your entry must be typed or neatly written and then scanned.
4. Your entry cannot exceed three pages, doublespaced, 12 pt. font, with one-inch margins.
5. Create a cover sheet that includes: your full name, address, phone number, and grade level in school; and your teacher’s full name, school name and address, phone number, school district, and e-mail address.
6. Your entry must be original work from this school year.
7. Your entry must be edited, proofread, and ready for publication.

Rules for the Teacher
Submitting the Entry:
1. There is a limit of three student entries per teacher.
2. Each entry must be an original work from the current school year.
3. The cover sheet must include: entrant’s full name, address, phone number, and grade level in school; and teacher’s full name, school name and address, phone number, school district, and e-mail address.
4. If an entry is handwritten or drawn graphically, scan it as a digital file in order to submit it electronically.
5. Electronic versions (sent via e-mail) are required. E-mail addresses are listed below. Please write in the subject: CATE 2016-2017 Creative Writing Contest Entry.

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