



2020 Peace Essay Contest

Heroes of Peace

DEADLINE: FRIDAY NOV 22, 2019

Mail In Essays to: 2020 Peace Essay Contest

Modesto Peace Life Center

PO BOX 134

Modesto CA 95353-0134

or

Drop Off Essays at: Modesto Peace Life Center

720 13th St. Modesto

Wednesday November 20th 2:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.

Thursday November 21st 2:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.

Friday November 22nd 2:00 P.M. To 6:00 P.M.

Problems? Questions? Haven't seen the flyer?

Download/View: <http://peaceessaycontest.weebly.com>

Email the contest committee: peaceessay20@gmail.com



August 20, 2019

To: The Participating Teachers
From: Peace Essay Contest Committee, Modesto Peace Life Center
Re: 2020 Peace Essay Contest

Dear Teacher

We are pleased to introduce the 2020 Peace Essay Contest, our 33rd annual event. Participation in the 2019 contest was high. The 2019 contest drew 713 students, representing 37 schools and 47 teachers in Stanislaus County. Every student was recognized with a certificate of participation. All 80 finalists and school winners received a locally designed and printed t-shirt. Place winners and honorable mentions in each division received cash prizes that were made possible through the generosity of local community members.

The 33rd annual Peace Essay Contest challenges students to write about heroes of peace. The students are asked to recognize a lesser known hero of peace who has made an important contribution to building a more peaceful and just world. Our committee aimed to provide a writing opportunity that fits in with your current classroom requirements – a ready-made topic meeting current writing standards. This essay's prompts were specifically designed to align with the **Common Core** standards.

We very much appreciate the permission to use the school mail system to send the flyers out to the classrooms. The contest is run by a host of volunteers and funded by donations from the community---a definite shoestring operation---so our appreciation for the cooperation of the Stanislaus County Office of Education and the individual districts is especially heartfelt. The contest flyers are scheduled to be labeled and placed in the school mail by August 30th. They can also be downloaded from our website at:
<http://peaceessaycontest.weebly.com>

We have appreciated your positive response to the prompts in the past and your constructive criticism and offering of ideas for future topics. The contest is supported and co-sponsored by Modesto Junior College Division of Literature and Language Arts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you,

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The 2020 Peace Essay Committee:

Indira Clark, Peggy Hoover, Linda Lagace, Colleen Norby, Deborah Roberts,
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2020 Peace Essay Contest Heroes of Peace

***"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."***
Eleanor Roosevelt

Peace is understood to mean not only an absence of hostilities or war, but also a state of harmony and justice existing between people, groups or nations. All over the globe and throughout history, there have been people who have steadily worked for peace and justice through non-violent and non-military means. They have worked alone and sometimes joined with others, often working behind the scenes. These people are the rarely recognized heroes of peace.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi or Mother Teresa are examples of well known peacemakers. However, there are many people whose peacemaking efforts are not widely recognized. The experiences of these unheralded peacemakers are sometimes told in songs and stories, but seldom make the history books.

The 2020 Peace Essay Contest challenges you to find and bring recognition to one of these lesser-known heroes of peace. You may find them in your family or neighborhood, in your community or nation, or in places all over the globe. They may have lived in the past or might be living today. They may have used ideas, words, pens, music, shovels, diplomacy, technology or a variety of other common or unusual tools to build peace between people, groups or nations. The focus of each person's work may differ, but common to all peacemakers is a commitment to using non-violent principles and actions to nurture and encourage positive relationships among people resulting in a more peaceful world, locally and beyond.

Division I (grades 11-12) and Division II (grades 9 - 10) 500-1000 Words
Division III (grades 7-8) and Division IV (grades 5-6) 250-500 Words

By talking with others and/or researching, find and write, in your own words, about a lesser known person who has worked for peace and justice through non-violent and non-military means. This person may have lived in the past or is living today. He or she may be from your local community or from anywhere around the globe, working to make our world a more fair and peaceful place.

In your essay:

- Describe who the person is/was and how he/she has worked for peace and justice.
- Explain why this person's actions are an important contribution to building a more peaceful and just world.
- Tell how the work of this person might inspire you to also find ways to work for a more peaceful and just world.

Print your word count at the end of the text of your essay, Then show Works Cited for any quotations, borrowed ideas and facts that are not general knowledge. (The title and citations are not included in the word count.) If you are uncertain about plagiarism, ask your teacher. Further suggestions on using citations are included in the submission details and at

<http://peaceessaycontest.weebly.com/>. See complete rules on backside of this flyer.

Deadline for Entries: November 22, 2019 Notification of Winners: Late February, 2020

AWARDS	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Honorable Mention
Division I and II	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$50
Division III and IV	\$150	\$100	\$50	\$25

View, download/print the flyers and entry form at <http://peaceessaycontest.weebly.com/> or www.stanislausconnections.org
Email your questions to: peaceessay20@gmail.com

Peace Essay Contest 2020 Rules & Submission Directions

1. The Peace Essay Contest is open to all fifth through twelfth grade students who live in Stanislaus County or attend any public, private, or home school in Stanislaus County.
2. Submit one copy of your essay. Essays in Division I & II must be typewritten, double spaced. Essays in Divisions III & IV must be either typewritten or written in dark ink, double spaced, using one side of white paper 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Number the pages consecutively. Your essay must be of a quality to photocopy legibly. Your name/identifying information should not be anywhere on or in the essay.
3. Give your essay a title. Place it on the first page where you begin your essay. Do not use a separate title or cover page.
4. **IMPORTANT:** Place the word count at the end of your essay. Essays that are 25 words more than the directed word count will not be considered for judging.
5. Print & complete the Entry Form and staple to the front of your essay. Forms may be found at:
<http://peaceessaycontest.weebly.com> OR www.stanislausconnectons.org OR peaceessay20@gmail.com.
6. Refer to your source for any quotations, borrowed ideas, and facts that are not general knowledge by placing the name of the source in parentheses in the text of your essay, AND by creating a bibliography listing the authors of books, location of articles or addresses of websites you used to get your information. Do not base your entire essay on one source. Suggestions about how to choose reliable internet sources and correctly cite them are included in the weebly essay web site mentioned above.
7. You must do your own work. However, you may ask a teacher, parent, or friend for constructive criticism.
8. The Modesto Peace/Life Center reserves the right to reprint entries. Entries will not be returned.
9. Entries may be delivered to the **Modesto Peace/Life Center, 720 13th St., Modesto, from 2pm-5pm on November 20 - 21 - 22, 2019.** You may also mail all entries, postmarked no later than **November 22, 2019** to:

**2019 Peace Essay Contest
Modesto Peace/Life Center
P.O. Box 134
Modesto, CA 95353-0134**

JUDGING

IMPORTANT: Essays that are 25 words over the directed word count will not be considered for judging.

A distinguished group of local writers, educators, and peacemakers will judge the essays. Judging guidelines (in order of weight) include:

1. **Content**
 - A. Does the essay clearly address the assigned topic?
 - B. Does the essay show that the student researched their category and/or specific area of concern?
 - C. Has the writer used relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples to fully develop their ideas?
2. **Style**
 - A. Is the essay original and interesting?
 - B. Does the voice of the writer come through?
3. **Clarity of Expression**
 - A. Does the essay have a distinguishable introduction and conclusion? Is it well organized with clear transitions from one idea to the next?
 - B. Are the ideas clearly stated with factual support?
4. **Mechanics**
 - A. Has the writer attempted to use appropriate transitions, precise language, and an engaging style?
 - B. Are grammar, spelling, and punctuation reasonably correct?
 - C. Does the author cite all quotations, borrowed ideas, and facts that are not general knowledge? Is the source of information listed in the essay itself and in a bibliography at the end of the essay?

First, Second, and Third prizes will be awarded in each of the four divisions which have at least 15 entries. In the event that there are fewer than 15 entries in any one division, all prizes may or may not be awarded in that division at the discretion of the judging panel. Up to 3 Honorable Mentions may be awarded in each division. Group entries (more than one author) are welcome; however, a student may only enter one essay.

The writer of the best essay in a division from a school which has ten or more entries in that division will be honored as the school winner. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Notification of Winners

In February, 2020, winners will be notified through the student's teacher. Prizes will be presented at an Awards Reception on April 3, 2020. All participants, teachers, judges, and sponsors will be invited as guests of honor.

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(to be completed and stapled to the front of your essay)**

Fill out this form completely in clear, legible printing: **# of words in essay text** _____
Word Count must also be included at the end of your essay text!

Student Name _____ Grade _____

School Name _____

Your Teacher's Name _____

Your Teacher's Email Address _____

Your Principal's Name _____

Finalists are awarded a Tee shirt. Please give us your size. (adult size)

Small ___ Med ___ Large ___ X Large ___

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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