

Peace Essay Contest Deadline

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2019

Mail In Essays to: 2019 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 Nov 14, 2:00 to 5:00

Thursday Nov 15, 2:00 to 5:00

Friday Nov 16, 2:00 to 5:30

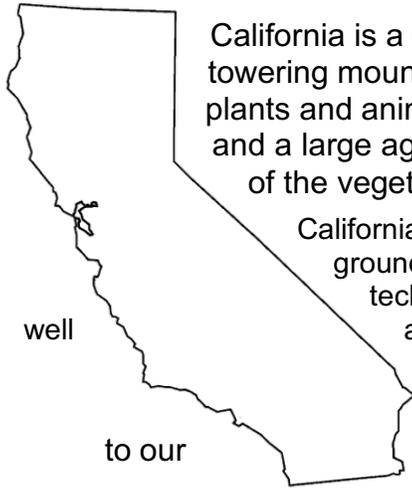
Problems? Questions? Haven't seen the flyer?

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

Email the contest committee: peaceessay@juno.com



2019 Peace Essay Contest



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California has big cities as well as a landscape dotted by small towns. It is a testing ground for renewable energy and is well known for being on the cutting edge of technology. California has the largest public university system in the nation as well as world-renowned public and private universities.

California has a history that includes people from many ethnic groups around the world, who each bring unique experiences & perspectives to our state. A wide range of languages, traditions, stories, arts and music can be found among Californians.

Numerous categories make up the whole experience of a state. Political, environmental, wildlife and land conservation, ethnic diversity, job opportunities, health and social services, education, and housing are just a few. Within each of these categories are the day-to-day experiences of the people who call this state their home.

Wildfires, mudslides, drought and earthquakes are all hazards of living in California. In addition to dealing with these occurrences, we must successfully meet the challenges of creating a community that allows people to live and thrive safely together.

The 2019 Peace Essay Contest invites you to reflect on the many positive things living in California offers and to also think about what might need to be improved. Write your essay of **500-1000 words** following the prompt below:

Divisions I (grades 11-12) and Division II (grades 9-10):

Begin your essay by briefly describing what makes you glad to live in California.

Considering the general categories listed in the introduction, or adding one of your own, choose a specific area that you think could be improved to provide a better quality of life for those who live in California. Do some research about your choice. Then, continuing your essay,

- **Identify and describe** the specific area that concerns or worries you.
- **Share** some ideas from your research that might help improve it.
- **Explain** why this improvement would make a positive difference in the lives of Californians.

Conclude your essay by explaining how working to improve life in our state is an important step toward creating a more just and peaceful world. (Include your word count at the end of your essay.)

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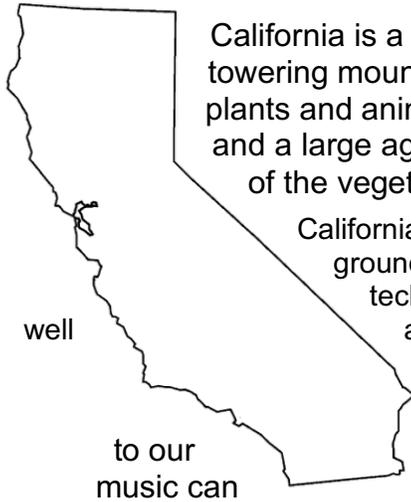
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AWARDS	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	Honorable Mention
Division I	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$50
Division II	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$50

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Divisions III (grades 7-8) and Division IV (grades 5-6):

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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 OR 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 outside of the directed word count will not be considered for judging.
5. Print & complete the Entry Form and staple to the front of your essay. Form may be found at: <http://peaceessaycontest.weebly.com> OR www.stanislausconnectons.org OR email request: peaceessay@juno.com
6. Cite any quotations, borrowed ideas, and facts that are not general knowledge. If you are uncertain about plagiarism, ask your teacher.
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 14 - 15 - 16, 2018.** You may also mail all entries, postmarked no later than **November 16, 2018** to:

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Modesto, CA 95353-0134**

JUDGING

IMPORTANT: Essays that are outside of 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?

First, Second, and Third prizes will be awarded in each of the four divisions which have at least 15 entries. In the event that fewer than 15 entries are entered 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 late February, 2019, winners will be notified through the student's teacher. Prizes will be presented at an Awards Reception on Friday March 8, 2019. All participants, teachers, judges, and sponsors will be invited as guests of honor.

2019 Peace Essay Committee:

Indira Clark, Peggy Hoover, Linda Lagace, Deborah Roberts, Sandy Sample, Shelly Scribner and David Tucker

This 32th Annual Peace Essay Contest is a project of the Modesto Peace/Life Center (209) 529-5750 and is co-sponsored by: Department of Literature and Language Arts, Modesto Junior College

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

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

Student Name _____ Grade _____

School Name _____

Your Teacher's Name _____

Your Principal's Name _____

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Small ___ Med ___ Large ___ X Large ___

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