

Rubric for Creative Writing Contest

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Theme	Theme is not respected.	Theme is partly respected.	Theme is perfectly respected.	n/a
Length/content	Inappropriate use of allotted words. The submission is either too short or too long and does not serve meaning.	Length is a little over the word limit but serves a purpose in regards to meaning.	Length is respected and meaning is conveyed but only in part.	Appropriate use of allotted words. The length of the entry is at the service of meaning.
Insight	Uninteresting, flat.	Some potential but clumsy in conveying meaning.	Interesting + has the potential to be meaningful.	thought provoking, reflective, meaningful and worth reading.
Originality	Common place, unremarkable, unoriginal.	Effort in addressing the theme but lack of thought and creative approach in writing.	The approach to the theme is very original but the writing isn't or vice versa.	Both the topic and the way of addressing it is very original (writing, imagery, vocabulary,...).
Voice (Creative Use of Language)	The writing is flat and uninspired.	The writer's personality does not quite shine through the text but there are some valuable insights	Appealing tone to the text. Writer has personality shown in their work but falls flat in some instances.	The writer uses unique tone and perspective. Is able to give a personality to the text.