

# **Writing Contest 2019**

## **Organized by CVHS Writers' Club**

### **Official Rules**

1. The contest is open to any Chippewa Valley High School Student, except for those judging that category of writing.
2. Participants must submit original entries and complete an entry form to be eligible for prizes and recognition in the school literary magazine.
3. Each participant can enter up to five works, but only one per category. Categories include short story, poetry, expository, vignettes, and song lyrics.
4. All entries must be submitted by April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. They should be submitted in an email to CVHSWritersClub@gmail.com in a PDF format along with a completed entry form.
5. A panel of judges, made of Writers' Club members and CVHS teachers, will select one entry from each category to win a \$50 gift card.
6. All entries that follow the criteria will be considered for the Club's literary magazine. Entries are expected to be revised, edited, and show literary merit.
7. The decisions of the judges are final. Submission of an entry indicates acceptance of all contest rules.

### **Category Length and Guidelines**

#### Short Story

500-2,500 words

Description: Any genre will do, but remember even flash fiction includes characters, setting, plot, and resolution. Short stories will be judged on plot, characterization, theme, and entertainment value.

#### Poetry

50-500 words

Description: Poems can range free verse to more structured forms such as sonnets. Judges will be evaluating the overall message, emotion, and use of poetic techniques.

#### Creative Non-fiction

500-2,500 words

Description: This broad category includes expository, persuasive, and argumentative pieces that include some creative element. Typical genres include articles, satire, editorials, essays, speeches, and letters. The "creative" notion means we are looking for unique structure, language techniques, topics, and tone, implying a strictly formatted academic research paper or formulaic five paragraph essay are antithetical to this category.

### Vignettes

200-1,000 words

Description: a short descriptive piece that displays a slice of life. Usually written in prose, vignettes focus on emotion or characterization in a quick scene, and do not contain a complete plot line.

### Song Lyrics

100-500 words

Description: Lyrics typically include a chorus, verses, and a bridge. Of course, other elements are welcomed including an intro, pre-chorus, outro, etc. Judges will pay attention to rhythm, meaning, and language.