



2020 Writing Award Contest Winners

GOLD KEY AWARD WINNERS				
Student Name	Category	Title	School	Teacher's Name
Josh Antony	Humor	Eight Legged Freaks	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Sylvia Barnes	Poetry	Contract	John Burroughs School	Michael Dee
Andy Bernatow	Personal Essay & Memoir	The One Percent	Jefferson High School	Nicole Boyer
Haley Renee Born	Science Fiction & Fantasy	Skyline	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Haley Renee Born	Flash Fiction	Everything Beautiful	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Sara Cao	Poetry	The Truth About Neurons	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Adina Cazacu-De Luca	Humor	The Morality of Mantis Shrimp	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Adina Cazacu-De Luca	Critical Essay	On the Wilderness of Drey Land	John Burroughs School	John Pierson
Yin-Tzu Chen	Poetry	Ode to the Sky	Battle High School	Daniel Gammon
Madeline Clark	Critical Essay	Ethics of Solitary Confinement Research Essay	Lansing High School	Maeve Bolin
Lea Despotis	Journalism	Your Permanent Record: Can You Erase It?	Westminster Christian	Scott Vonder Bruegge
Lea Despotis	Critical Essay	A Flawed Proposal	Westminster Christian	Dan Burke
Jenna Dick	Short Story	The Lie Everyone Believes	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
LyLena Estabine	Journalism	Over the Counter Religion	Olathe Northwest High School	Jeannette Bonjour
Sydnee Flowers	Short Story	Shiver	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Dylan Fox	Poetry	Movie Night	John Burroughs School	Anita Hagerman
Travis Franco	Poetry	Inheriting a War	Republic High School	Lisa Deckard
My'Angel Glynn	Poetry	5 Senses of Black Neighborhoods	Paseo Academy Performing Arts	Jenifer Bell
Mia Hellings	Personal Essay & Memoir	The Enchanted Forest	Basehor-Linwood Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier
Wesley Henshaw	Personal Essay & Memoir	Thirteen Meaningless Minutes	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Jenna Hercher	Science Fiction & Fantasy	The One Percent	Lutheran High School South	Jessica Ferree
Philip Hiblovic	Personal Essay & Memoir	David	St. Louis Univ High School	Jennifer Carroll

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Landry Hughes	Personal Essay& Memoir	Silence	Basehor-Linwood Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier
Seth Jahraus	Critical Essay	Assessing the Paths Ahead:	Park Hill South High School	Idean Bindel
Teresa Jiang	Poetry	Don't Pretend to Be Something You're Not	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Eva Kappas	Poetry	Earth to Dust	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Max Kellaheer	Personal Essay & Memoir	A Letter to My Twelve-Year-Old Self	John Burroughs School	Elanor DesPrez
Wes Kemnitzer	Novel Writing	Crown of Secrets	Lincoln College Prep Academy	Taylor Snider
Graceson Kennedy	Writing Portfolio	flo•ri•le•gi•um—A Gathering of Flowers;...	Francis Howell High School	Shirley Smith
Kiran Khan	Flash Fiction	The Awakening of a Man	John Burroughs School	Heidi Kaloustian
Julia Kim	Poetry	You Don't Have to Tell me Twice, You	Ann Hawkins Gentry Middle	Joan Leyden
Leyla Fern King	Poetry	Growing Up	John Burroughs School	Joy Gebhardt
Anya Kurz	Poetry	GOODBYE	Morgan Selvidge Middle School	Rochelle Bower
Kamala Madireddi	Humor	Change Your Life With CUPILL	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Molly Magarian	Novel Writing	The Elementarists	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Katelin Meek	Critical Essay	Not Your Mascots	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Katelin Meek	Critical Essay	Flaws in a Perfect System	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Quentin	SciFi/Fantasy	Replaced	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Ria Mirchandani	Personal Essay	Loving Someone and Letting Them Go	John Burroughs School	Michael Dee
Ryan Morton	Personal Essay	Silver Skin	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Sonia Oulamine	Personal Essay	The Five Hour Lie	Parkway West Middle School	Tracy Bouslog
Edie Patterson	Flash Fiction	10000 Feet Above Kansas	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Edie Patterson	Flash Fiction	We Are Tornadoes	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Edie Patterson	Short Story	Loud World	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Tess Patti	Personal Essay	The Bathtub	Nerinx Hall High School	Jennifer Staed
Bethany Robertson	Poetry	The Dress	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Natalie Rovello	Poetry	"Of the Privacy of Night, and Men Like Me"	St Teresa's Academy	Jarrod Roark
Michael Tu	Short Story	Sinology	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudczynski
Antonio Waltermate	Short Story	The Siege	Raytown South Senior High	Melissa Jones
Patrick Whiteford	Flash Fiction	The Teapot	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Ann Zhang	Writing Portfolio	Green Mango	John Burroughs School	John Pierson
Ann Zhang	Dramatic Script	Look: A Mini Musical	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Ann Zhang	Poetry	Hawaiian Blues	John Burroughs School	John Pierson
Adina Cazacu-De Luca	Personal Essay	Updated Greek Myths *	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
LyLena Estabine	Poetry	America the Beautiful *	Olathe Northwest High School	Jeannette Bonjour
My'Angel Glynn	Poetry	5 Senses of Black Neighborhoods *	Paseo Academy Performing Arts	Jenifer Bell
Oviya Srihari	Poetry	Advice From Your Daily Horoscope *	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Kimberly Durbin
Kylie Volavongsa	Poetry	Sticky Rice *	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde

*American Voices Nominee

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Student Name	Category	Title	School	Teacher's Name
Josh Antony	Humor	The Y: Child Haters and Ankle Breakers	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Chelsea Baird	Poetry	There is Never Enough	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Cassidy BergHoff	Personal Essay	Blame is the Name of the Game	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Lucy Biermann	SciFi/Fantasy	Twisting Fate	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Haley Renee Born	SciFi/Fantasy	These Nights	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Arlee Cado	Personal Essay	I Wish Grandpas Never Died	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Michael Cao	Flash Fiction	Holding Hands	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Judith Miller
Sara Cao	Poetry	Bombyx mori	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Grace Catlin	Writing Portfolio	Hold the Scales	Francis Howell North High	Jani Wilkens
Catryn Cattoor	Personal Essay	Be Better	Jefferson High School	Nicole Boyer
Adina Cazacu-De Luca	Poetry	Doha, Qatar	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Adina Cazacu-De Luca	Personal Essay	Vitamins: On the Existence of My Family Curse	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Adina Cazacu-De Luca	Writing Portfolio	Motherlands	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Thomas Champer	Personal Essay	A Slave to Society's Opinions	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudczynski
Matthew Chen	Personal Essay	Just a Joke	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Winston Chen	SciFi/Fantasy	Big Brother	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Judith Miller
Yin-Tzu Chen	Personal Essay	Back Home	Battle High School	Daniel Gammon
Yin-Tzu Chen	Personal Essay	The Night Air that Smells like a Dream	Battle High School	Daniel Gammon
Ysee Chorot	Short Story	A Soldier's Ballad	Polo High School	Eric Williams
Madeline Clark	Personal Essay	When Did I Know?	Lansing High School	Maeve Bolin
Madeline Clark	Poetry	My Sins	Lansing High School	Casey McCord
Olivia Culleton	Poetry	The Red Orchestra	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Kimberly Gutchewsky
Grant Dahl	Short Story	An Honorable and Unfortunate Misunderstanding	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Lea Despotis	Journalism	Rewiring Intelligence	John Burroughs School	Scott Vonder Bruegge
Alexander Duckwitz	Critical Essay	Status NO!	Parkway Central High School	Angela Perkins
Anna Duncan	Poetry	I know	Parkway Central High School	James Lewis
Layla English	Novel Writing	Night Peril	Platte City Middle School	Krista Loughran
LyLena Estabine	Humor	The Bug Club	Olathe Northwest High School	Jeannette Bonjour
Dylan Fox	Personal Essay	A Stroll Through Time	John Burroughs School	Anita Hagerman
Dylan Fox	Personal Essay	Progress	John Burroughs School	Anita Hagerman
Dylan Fox	Writing Portfolio	What a World	John Burroughs School	Anita Hagerman
Colin Frier	Poetry	The Slaughterer of Minds	Olathe Northwest High School	Jeannette Bonjour
Khiauna Gay	Personal Essay	In the Middle	Fulton Middle School	Melody Hapner
Angela Gerstner	Writing Portfolio	Exactly Eight Compositions	Nerinx Hall High School	Jennifer Staed

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Addison Gherardini	Poetry	Forest Fire	Nerinx Hall High School	Jennifer Staed
Katelyn Gillette	Poetry	The Ground is Waiting	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Bradley Glass	Poetry	My Midwest	Jefferson High School	Nicole Boyer
Campbell Helling	Short Story	The Baby	Bishop Seabury Academy	Krista Barbour
Jenna Hercher	Poetry	Unrequited Love, Summer Nights, . . .	Lutheran High School South	Jessica Ferree
Lana Hill	Poetry	Ruptured Mind	Nerinx Hall High School	Jennifer Staed
Ashley Honey	Journalism	The Dangers of Cancel Culture	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Jingyuan Huang	Poetry	If The Caveman Never Came Back	Thomas Jefferson School	Benjamin Smith
Maggie Huff	Personal Essay	First Day of High School? Or Kindergarten?	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Mia Iandolo	Poetry	Pencils	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Mia Iandolo	Poetry	Moments Blessed by the Universe	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Rahul Jasti	Critical Essay	The Fitzgerald Dream	John Burroughs School	James Lewis
Eddy Jiang	Poetry	The Garden Path	Blue Valley Middle School	Mary Beth Jones
Sarah Juba	Poetry	My brother became my child	Grain Valley High School	Blake Thorne
Ethan Kalishman	Humor	A Wasted World	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Ben Kazdan	Poetry	Tree of LIFE	John Burroughs School	Jackie Gross
Lauren Keeley	Flash Fiction	Fall Apart Like Paper	John Burroughs School	Jennifer Salrin
Lauren Keeley	Flash Fiction	Full Stop.	John Burroughs School	Jennifer Salrin
Kiran Khan	Short Story	How To Be An Older Sister	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Leyla Fern King	Short Story	The Silent Treatment	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudczynski
Riley Kochanowicz	Critical Essay	cultural appropriation	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Kayden Koons	Personal Essay	Cornered	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Yara Levin	Dramatic Script	Peace and Quiet	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Isobel Li	SciFi/Fantasy	Could've	Olathe North High School	Amanda Fleetwood
Megan Li	Poetry	Journey	John Burroughs School	James Lewis
Hannah Madison	Poetry	Masked	Bode Middle School	Josie Clark
Molly Magarian	Flash Fiction	Countdown	John Burroughs School	Andy Chen
Jesse Malawey	Personal Essay	Looking Back	Williamsburg Elementary	Melba Lackey
Kendra Matzek	Flash Fiction	Stench	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Rhiannon Maynes	Personal Essay	A Sky With One More Star	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
SaVaughn McClaine	Dramatic Script	DIP	Sumner Academy	Jamelle Brown
Lily Medley	Critical Essay	Red-Handed	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Katelin Meek	Personal Essay	A Story for the Ages	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Katelin Meek	Critical Essay	It's Not Such a Brave New World After All	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Katelin Meek	Poetry	The Oak, The Oasis, Love, Balloons. . .	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Caleb Merritt	Poetry	Postal Codes: A Disrupted Sonnet	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez

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Ria Mirchandani	Critical Essay	The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Society	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Brynn Morrow	Flash Fiction	Bird Song	Kirkwood High School	Deanna Hempen
Miranoush Nalbandian	Personal Essay	The Night I Lived	Parkway West High School	Erin Fluchel
DaVonna Nickerson	Critical Essay	When We See Justice	Smithville High School	Kelly Lock-McMillen
Sophia Nordling	Critical Essay	Blood and Soil	Bishop Miege High School	Hillary Wingate
Milah Padda	Critical Essay	"Sometimes in the Middle of a Story"	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Eva Parsons	Poetry	Just a pretty face, right?	Lincoln College Prep Academy	Taylor Snider
Edie Patterson	Personal Essay	Ten	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Edie Patterson	Personal Essay	Oasis of the Plains	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Emi Pope	Short Story	When the Ice Gives Way	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Emi Pope	Poetry	Glow	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Piper Privat	Poetry	12 months	Olathe East High School	Cindi Kimmel
Quinn Prouty	Poetry	What I found in my closet	Truman Middle School	Kate Pfeffer
Quinn Prouty	Poetry	Pulses of the Moon	Truman Middle School	Kate Pfeffer
Clara Rabbani	Poetry	The Salep and the Spice	Pembroke Hill School	Piper Abernathy
Ananya Radhakrishnan	Poetry	To Whatever End	Mary Institution & St Louis Day	Julia Hansen
Sam Ragone	Flash Fiction	The Hay Watched Aside	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Bethany Robertson	Poetry	A Light-bulb and a Seedling	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Bethany Robertson	Poetry	The Sun and Moon	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Rachel Robinson	Poetry	For Life	St Teresa's Academy	Jarrod Roark
Kamryn Rogers	Journalism	Stop the Battle of the Sexes	Notre Dame De Sion	Alison Long
Gretchen Roth	Flash Fiction	Eggshells	Park Hill South High School	Idean Bindel
Gretchen Roth	Personal Essay	How are you?	Park Hill South High School	Idean Bindel
Owen Sklansky	Short Story	Oils	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudczynski
Oviya Srihari	Poetry	hushing	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Kimberly Durbin
Oviya Srihari	Poetry	An Open Letter to the Girl . . .	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Kimberly Durbin
Oviya Srihari	Poetry	City Girls	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Kimberly Durbin
JJ Stauffer	Flash Fiction	Decay	Discovery Middle School	Courtney Klepper
Paiton Stith	Poetry	We All Are the Dead Bird	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Cooper Stokes	Short Story	The Last Man	Platte City Middle School	Tucker Dehart
Emily Sullivan	Personal Essay	One Without the Other is Nothing	Jefferson High School	Nicole Boyer
Kaitlyn Tran	Journalism	Caught in the Crossfire: A Child Profile	Clayton High School	Erin Sucher-O'Grady
Kaitlyn Tran	Poetry	Index of Flowers	Clayton High School	Erin Sucher-O'Grady
Trinity Umaña	Short Story	Irises	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Trinity Umaña	Poetry	Celestial Ballet	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Trinity Umaña	Poetry	The Mirror	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Michael Urton	Personal Essay	The Forgery of Normality	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins

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Kylie Volavongsa	Personal Essay	Window Licking in the 'Bu	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Kylie Volavongsa	Poetry	A Recipe for Larb Bpa	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Kylie Volavongsa	Personal Essay	Growing up with Ernie	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Kylie Volavongsa	Writing Portfolio	Kitchen Table Promises	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
India Jane Walker	Poetry	Wasteland	Lincoln College Prep Academy	Joyce Nguyen-Hernandez
Natali West	Personal Essay	Govenor's Cup	Hamilton Middle School	Garrett Durbin
Anna Wright	Novel Writing	Journey to the Dragon's Den	Oakland Middle School	Danielle Johnson
Mingxuan Xu	Critical Essay	#idontseecolors	Thomas Jefferson School	Boaz Roth
Lillian Yanagimoto	Short Story	Unicycle	John Burroughs School	Michael Dee
Lillian Yanagimoto	Personal Essay	Zipper	John Burroughs School	Michael Dee
Ellie Yang	Personal Essay	Roadblocks	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Ann Zhang	SciFi/Fantasy	Zoop	John Burroughs School	John Pierson
Ann Zhang	Poetry	doomsday: the asian superstore	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Carrie Zhang	Humor	The Perfect Example	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Carrie Zhang	Writing Portfolio	The Meaning of Family	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Carrie Zhang	Poetry	Nightfall	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Carrie Zhang	Dramatic Script	A Cup of Coffee	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Carrie Zhang	Personal Essay	A Letter to Jenny	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Carrie Zhang	Short Story	Sweet Dumplings	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Adam Zhao	Poetry	Pain	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudzyski

Honorable Mention Awards

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Brinda Ambal	Personal Essay	The Eighth Lightweight	Parkway West High School	Andria Benmuvhar
Josh Antony	Humor	Royal Flush	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Josh Antony	Humor	Finding Brightman	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Ryan Baas	Humor	Tales from the Seventh Sea	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Shayleigh Baker	Poetry	healing	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Danny Baris	Personal Essay	My Comeback	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Alex Beeman	Short Story	The Solution	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Gretchen Block	Critical Essay	Banneker Argument	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Haley Renee Born	Poetry	A Blackbird's Wingless Body and my Body	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Haley Renee Born	Short Story	The Heaven We've Been Slouching Towards. . .	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Allison Bowlin	Poetry	Self Confidence	Cole Camp High School	Brittany Merrill
Sophia Bramble	Short Story	Living in a Lie	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Madeline Buchowski	Poetry	Pedal	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Madeline Buchowski	Short Story	Garbage Collection Man	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Justin Café	Personal Essay	Do You Even Like Her?	Basehor-Linwood Middle	Erin Tegtmeier
Dallas Carpenter	Personal Essay	How He Changed Me	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Lily Cassidy	Poetry	Goose Rocks Beach, Maine	Grain Valley High School	Blake Thorne
Adina Cazacu-De Luca	Critical Essay	Racist Texts Are Not Works of Art	John Burroughs School	John Pierson
Thomas Champer	Short Story	A Kingdom Fallen	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudczynski
Mina Chen	SciFi/Fantasy	Ourstory in 2999 words	Battle High School	Matthew Leuchtmann
Yin-Tzu Chen	Writing Portfolio	Something Called Hope	Battle High School	Daniel Gammon
Madeline Clark	Poetry	Closure	Lansing High School	Casey McCord
Madeline Clark	Poetry	Blue Light	Lansing High School	Casey McCord
Elizabeth Clarke	Short Story	The Board of Judgement	John Burroughs School	Michael Dee
Abigail Clegg	Personal Essay	Before The World	Basehor-Linwood Middle	Erin Tegtmeier
Brooke Cooper	Personal Essay	The Waiting Game	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Maggie Cornell	Personal Essay	Definition of Perfection	Jefferson High School	Nicole Boyer
Noah Cotter	Novel Writing	Noah Tone	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Luke Davis	SciFi/Fantasy	You are not special	Lincoln College Prep Academy	Taylor Snider
Elise Denney	Poetry	Loving in the Fire & I Wish You Could See	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Lea Despotis	Journalism	Reclaiming Character	Westminster Christian Academy	Scott Vonder Bruegge
Jillian Dunlay	Humor	The HPV Vaccine	Blue Valley West High School	N/A
Darcy Eastep	Poetry	Painting the Stars	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Olivia Ellett	Poetry	Questions, Gossip, Dyslexia, Silence	-	Lisa Burgess
Brenna Elmer	Personal Essay	Time	Basehor-Linwood Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier
LyLena Estabine	Writing Portfolio	The People Along the Way	Olathe Northwest High School	Jeannette Bonjour
Hayli Fee	Flash Fiction	Watched	Discovery Middle School	Courtney Klepper

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Grace Fields	Personal Essay	Shoes	Springfield Catholic High School	Julia Ritter-Frizell
Sam Fillipi	Personal Essay	Thanks For the Ride	Hickory Co R1 High School	Marilyn Yung
Jessica Finch	Critical Essay	Do Cell Phones Bring Joy or Harm to Teenage Lives?	Maryville High School	Dennis Vinzant
Alli Ford	Critical Essay	Parents' Attitudes Cause Sibling Rivalry	Canton School	Staci English
Riley Foster	Flash Fiction	Under the Rug	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Dylan Fox	Personal Essay	An Essential Slice	John Burroughs School	Anita Hagerman
Dylan Fox	Personal Essay	Landslide	John Burroughs School	Anita Hagerman
Travis Franco	Poetry	Dirt Songs	Republic High School	Lisa Deckard
Elizabeth Franklin	Short Story	Share Your Story	Parkway West Middle School	Tracy Bouslog
Kymora Freeman	Short Story	Cryin' n Stompin'	Sumner Academy	Mark Hennessy
Lilyann Gardner	Short Story	A World Made Of Dreamers	Bishop Le Blond High School	Stacia Studer
Shruti Gautam	Poetry	To Cope	Rock Bridge Senior High School	James Meyer
Angela Gerstner	Flash Fiction	75 Years	Nerinx Hall High School	Jennifer Staed
Katelyn Gillette	Dramatic Script	I'm with You	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Katelyn Gillette	Poetry	Faded Photos	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Katelyn Gillette	Poetry	Iris	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Paige Gonzales	Critical Essay	Learning Life Like A History Lesson	Truman High School	Stephanie Nagl
Lindsey Gordon	Personal Essay	Math Madness Wars	Parkway West Middle School	Tracy Bouslog
Divya Gupta	Poetry	Lives From France	Blue Valley North High School	Kat Buchanan
Divya Gupta	Poetry	My First Decade	Blue Valley North High School	Kat Buchanan
Divya Gupta	Critical Essay	Political Clubs Should Be Expelled	Blue Valley North High School	Kat Buchanan
Joshua Hagedorn	Novel Writing	Sci-Fi fantasy novel beginning	Hermann High School	Joshua Hagedorn
Evan Harris	Poetry	Black Girl	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Hilary Heidger	Poetry	Storm Bird	St Clare Of Assisi Elementary	John Heidger
Sebastian Hemming	Humor	You and the Pals	David H Hickman High School	Nancy White
Philip Hiblovic	Poetry	That Word	St Louis Univ High School	Jennifer Carroll
Kallie Hitzelberer	SciFi/Fantasy	Flee	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Jackson Hueter	SciFi/Fantasy	The Outside	Jefferson High School	Nicole Boyer
Gabriella Hughes	Short Story	Escaped	East Middle School	Nina English
Christian Hurd	Poetry	who i am	Paseo Academy Performing Arts	Jenifer Bell
Ellisyn Jackson	Personal Essay	The Perfect Child	Basehor-Linwood Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier
Seth Jahraus	Short Story	Sorry, Brother	Park Hill South High School	Idean Bindel
Rahul Jasti	Flash Fiction	Gray and Green	John Burroughs School	James Lewis
Teresa Jiang	Poetry	Tides	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Ethan Jick	Critical Essay	Hedge Trimming Critical Essay	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Kelsey Johnson	Poetry	Never Give Up	Basehor-Linwood Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier

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Emma Jones	Dramatic Script	Adversity is Power in the Right Hands	St Pius X School	Aimee Wilson
Hayley Jones	Poetry	Nightmare Waiting to Happen	David H Hickman High School	Marilyn Yung
Ethan Kalishman	Short Story	If Green Means Go, Then Why Should I Stop?	David H Hickman High School	Shannon Koropchak
Eva Kappas	Poetry	New York Subway Symphony	Blue Valley Northwest HS	Andy Chen
Cole Kasten	Science Fiction/Fantasy	The Fallen Must be Remembered	West Plains High School	Angela Perkins
Lauren Keeley	Short Story	Here, Where the World is Quiet	West Plains High School	Jennifer Salrin
Lauren Keeley	Short Story	Peter	East Middle School	Jennifer Salrin
Kiran Khan	Poetry	Knocked Out	Platte County High School	Maggie Ervin
Kiran Khan	Short Story	Away From the Gun	Warrensburg High School	Maggie Ervin
Brandon Kim	Short Story	The Taste of Home	East Middle School	Robin Stover
Naomi Kriege	Poetry	Life is like a Concerto	David H Hickman High School	Taylor Snider
Naomi Kriege	Dramatic Script	Murder at the Wilson Hotel	David H Hickman High School	Taylor Snider
Rohan Kumaran	Poetry	The Scarlet Letter Belongs in the English Classroom	Cameron High School	Megan Zmudzynski
Story Kummer	Personal Essay/Memoir	Dancer	Platte County High School	Andy Chen
Antonio Laguna	Science Fiction/Fantasy	I am Suspicion	Blue Valley Southwest HS	Kara Simmons
Keely Lewis	Science Fiction/Fantasy	The Fourth State of Matter	Francis Howell North HS	Angela Perkins
Jeremy Li	Poetry	A Gifted Failure	Francis Howell North HS	Jason Lovera
Sophia Liu	Science Fiction/Fantasy	#mom	Warrensburg High School	Jonah Krueger
Abby Lohman	Personal Essay/ Memoir	The Beast Comes Out at Night	Academie LaFayette	Angela Perkins
Alexis Lugo	Poetry	Natural Sugar	Pembroke Hill School	Star Hargis
Kamala Madireddi	Critical Essay	Collaborative Effort	Blue Valley West High School	Jill Donovan
Molly Magarian	Poetry	From The Notebooks of a Dreamer	Central High School	Andy Chen
Akash Mallady	Poetry	Forever Tomorrow	Central High School	Andy Chen
Akash Mallady	Short Story	Words to Live by	Republic High School	Andy Chen
SaVaughn Armand McClaine	Poetry	For Colored Boys That Lose Reliance. . .	John Burroughs School	Jamelle Brown
SaVaughn Armand McClaine	Personal Essay/Memoir	SAD STAN	John Burroughs School	Jamelle Brown
Kenna McQueen	Poetry	Moving Out	Olathe North High School	Laura Hoefling
Emma Miller	Flash Fiction	The Curse Of Sion	Platte City Middle School	Carrie Sparks
Alexandria Miranda	Poetry	Crushing...or More Like Crushed	Platte City Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier
Ria Mirchandani	Short Story	Home	Central High School	Maggie Ervin
Madysen Naeger	Short Story	Mirror Monologues	St Pius X School	Nicole Boyer
DaVonna Nickerson	Poetry	Inequity in Equity: The Paradox	Platte County High School	Kelly Lock-McMillen
Stephanie Njeri	Critical Essay	Social Darwinism	Pattonville Highschool	Anne Dulski
Halli Otte	Personal Essay /Memoir	Butterfly Ring	John Burroughs School	Staci English
Andrew Padousis	Short Story	Here Comes the Son	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudzynski
Maddy Pass	Flash Fiction	Running	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudzynski

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Student Name	Category	Title	School	Teacher's Name
Edie Patterson	Short Story	Sea Cliff	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Edie Patterson	Flash Fiction	Primrose	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Edie Patterson	Short Story	Wings	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Edie Patterson	Personal Essay	Green, Like the Grass After a Thunderstorm	Bishop Seabury Academy	Matt Patterson
Allison Peng	Short Story	Looking Glass	Rockwood Summit High School	Cindy Golden
Libbie Pepple	Poetry	Soft Silhouettes of Darkness	-	Libbie Pebble
Alexis Peterson	Poetry	The Redeemer	Central High School	Joy Vandel
Morgan Pettlon	Flash Fiction	Reprise of My Childhood	Maryville High School	Dennis Vinzant
Emi Pope	Personal Essay	My Six of Crows	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Carlee Priem	Personal Essay	Milky Regrets	Parkway West Middle School	Tracy Bouslog
Olivia Qian	Personal Essay	Eyes Wide Open	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Ananya Radhakrishnan	Flash Fiction	Just Another Day of War	Mary Institution & St Louis Day	Julia Hansen
Emma Rice	Poetry	18th and Vine	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Fiona Richards	Critical Essay	Abstract and Tangible Humanity:	Mary Institution & St Louis Day	Julia Hansen
Fiona Richards	Personal Essay	Occasionally Smollett	Mary Institution & St Louis Day	Julia Hansen
Nathan Riley	Poetry	harold of the times	Republic High School	Lisa Deckard
Colton Roach	Poetry	Five Images For K.	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Colton Roach	Short Story	The Mansfield Affair	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Colton Roach	Poetry	The Sentry	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Colton Roach	Poetry	Unrisen Son	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Colton Roach	Poetry	Prairie Lullaby	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Colton Roach	Poetry	Horses	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Ethan Roberts	Critical Essay	A Psychological Approach to Human Fallibility:	Davidson Academy	Tracy Sangster
Camay Robison	Poetry	Silence	Blue Springs South High School	Kimberly Blevins
Kamryn Rogers	Critical Essay	Companies Have Voices Too	Notre Dame De Sion	Casey Engel
Kamryn Rogers	Journalism	The Photographer Behind "The Crying Girl . . .	Notre Dame De Sion	Alison Long
Natalie Rovello	Poetry	Angry Ode to the Inbox Poet	St Teresa's Academy	Jarrod Roark
Emerson Schaefer	Poetry	Everything in Moderation	Villa Duchesne-Oak Hill School	Elizabeth Yee
Julia Schnittker	Poetry	Of Loss (Beneath Branches)	Shawnee Mission South High	Shelly Huffman
Nirupama Shanbhag	Personal Essay	The Incubator	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Addison Sloan	SciFi/Fantasy	Sisters	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Marah Sperry	Poetry	The Rawness of Life	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Oviya Srihari	Poetry	honeycombs	Ladue Horton Watkins High	Kimberly Durbin
Emily Steinlage	Personal Essay	When All You Can Do Is Watch	Basehor-Linwood Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier
Kierra Stephens	Flash Fiction	Imposter	Discovery Middle School	Courtney Klepper
Meta Stephens	Personal Essay	Coffee Cups and Chain Grease	Nerinx Hall High School	Jennifer Staed

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Ben Stettin	Personal Essay	A Letter To Ben, Age Six	John Burroughs School	Eleanor DesPrez
Paiton Stith	Flash Fiction	Fraudulent	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Paiton Stith	SciFi/Fantasy	Starless Planet	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Paiton Stith	SciFi/Fantasy	Price	Olathe North High School	Molly Runde
Caroline Strahorn	Critical Essay	The Value of Female Support and Men Who Care	John Burroughs School	Jill Donovan
Kennason Suchy	Personal Essay	Middle Child	Basehor-Linwood Middle School	Erin Tegtmeier
Zoe Sutley	Short Story	The Impact	Platte City Middle School	Laura Hoefling
Emma Thieme	Dramatic Script	Passing Period - Pilot	Lee's Summit North High School	Ashley Baker
Balaji Vijayakumar	Personal Essay	The Cave of Wonders	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Kylie Volavongsa	Poetry	party at the end of the world	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Kylie Volavongsa	Poetry	Twitter Free Fall, or the 280 Limit	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Kylie Volavongsa	Personal Essay	Sticky Fingers	Olathe North High School	Deirdre Zongker
Noah Vollenweider	Flash Fiction	Sympathy	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Antonio Waltermate	Poetry	The Drunkards Song	Raytown South Senior High	Megan Willet
Charlie Wang	Personal Essay	Life is Sacred	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Sydney Weers	Personal Essay	Two of Us	Smithville High School	Angela Perkins
Mackenna Westerfield	Personal Essay	La Pazienza, Pace e Pasta	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Mackenna Westerfield	Dramatic Script	V For Vendetta Speech	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Ethan Whitney	Flash Fiction	Thirty Minutes	Discovery Middle School	Courtney Klepper
Anna Wright	Poetry	Garden of Hope	Oakland Middle School	Danielle Johnson
Mary Xu	Personal Essay	Porcelain Skin	Parkway Central High School	Jason Lovera
Mingxuan Xu	Personal Essay	A Murder	Thomas Jefferson School	Jane Roth
Ethan Zawaski	Personal Essay	A Lovely Life	South Valley Middle School	Staci Reichard
Ann Zhang	Flash Fiction	Uh-mer-eh-guh	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Ann Zhang	Short Story	Grassroots	John Burroughs School	John Pierson
Ann Zhang	Writing Portfolio	Can You Hear Me?	John Burroughs School	John Pierson
Carrie Zhang	Journalism	Crisis Nursery:	John Burroughs School	Maggie Ervin
Carrie Zhang	Flash Fiction	Snow	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Carrie Zhang	Flash Fiction	The Girl In the Mirror	John Burroughs School	Shannon Koropchak
Adam Zhao	Short Story	The Voice of Reason	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudzynski
Adam Zhao	Flash Fiction	Drinking...game?	John Burroughs School	Megan Zmudzynski
Nathan Zornes	Poetry	Remnants Of A Time Now Past	Park Hill South High School	Idean Bindel