



# Great Valley Writing Project

"Writing today is not a frill for the few, but an essential skill for the many."

-- National Commission on Writing in America's Schools and Colleges

## 2010 Writing Contest

*Grab your notebooks and pencils—It's  
"The Year of the Writer"*

This year our writing contest topic is the writer's choice. So pick your muse and join us as we celebrate the "Year of the Writer" in honor of the California Writing Project's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

"Poetry: the best words in the best order."

--Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"Most of the basic material a writer works with is acquired before the age of fifteen."

--Willa Cather

GVWP welcomes students of all grade levels and teachers to write a piece on any topic and any genre--fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, multi-genre. An anthology of writing contest entries will be published. Three winners will be chosen in each grade category. Winners will be announced at a celebration of young authors at CSU Stanislaus in the spring of 2010.

### Award Categories:

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12
- Adult

### Contest submission guidelines:

- Postmarked by April 1, 2010.
- Author's name and school.
- No special formatting or artwork.
- Use Times, 12 pt font.
- 1,000 word limit.
- Electronic submission (optional)

The \$5.00 entry fee defrays publication costs of the anthology. Published authors will judge entries. All submissions must have the writing contest form (see reverse) attached to the front of each submission. One entry per person will be accepted. You may email your submission; however, the \$5.00 fee must be mailed in with a hardcopy of contest form and piece of writing.

**For more information contact:**

**Great Valley Writing Project, (209) 667-3490, rharcrow@csustan.edu, www.csustan.edu/gvwp**



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## 2010 Writing Contest Entry Form

This entry form must be attached to each entry. Please type or print clearly. This form may be duplicated.

Name of writer \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Title of piece \_\_\_\_\_ No. of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Division (circle one):

Primary, K-2      Intermediate, 3-5      Middle, 6-8      High, 9-12      Adult

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby attest to the originality of this piece and agree for it to be published, if chosen, in the 2010 GVWP Young Writers Anthology and on the GVWP website. GVWP reserves the right to edit submissions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact information:

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Message Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Each submission should include the title, author's name and school. Please, no special formatting or artwork. Use Times, 12 pt font. 1,000 word limit.**

**Email and Postmark deadline: April 1, 2010**

**Enclose \$5.00 entry fee. Make checks payable to "Great Valley Writing Project."**

**EMAIL TO: [gwp@csustan.edu](mailto:gwp@csustan.edu)**

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