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 35th 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.

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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
GREAT VALLEY WRITING PROJECT
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.”

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