

Writing Contest



Out Of The Woodwork, Inc

"We Are Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made On..."

Shakespeare, William. Tempest Act IV, Sc. 1

Write an original sonnet using the Shakespearean rhyme scheme about life in Elizabethan England or themes used by Shakespeare. A sonnet consists of 14 lines of iambic pentameter (2 syllables per meter (foot) 5 meters (feet) per line). The Shakespearean rhyme scheme consists of three quatrains and a couplet (abab cdcd efef gg).

Contest Divisions:

Elementary School (grades 4-5)

Middle School (grades 6-8)

High School (grades 9-12)

Adult

Rules

1. All entries must be original work and submitted by the author or guardian (if minor) and accompanied by the submission form.
2. One sonnet per author.
3. Entries must be either post marked no later than midnight EDT, April 25, 2010 (for US mail) or received no later than midnight EDT, April 25, 2010 (if sent electronically). Out of the Woodwork (OOTW) is not responsible for delayed receipt or missing transmissions.
4. OOTW reserves the right to cancel this contest if insufficient entries are received.
5. All entries will be judged on originality, use of the Shakespearean rhyme scheme and best interpretation of the theme. The decision of the judges is final. Winners will be announced no later than May 15, 2010.

Awards

1st place per division - The winning sonnet in each division will be displayed at the Virginia Renaissance Faire. The winner will receive a family 4 pack of tickets to the Virginia Renaissance Faire.

2nd place per division – Receive two tickets to the Virginia Renaissance Faire.

3rd place per division – Receive one ticket to the Virginia Renaissance Faire.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation and their works will be displayed on the OOTW educational website (www.ootw-education.org). OOTW reserves the right not to display entries that do not follow the theme or would be considered inappropriate for a family oriented venue.

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