



2012



WRITERS CONTEST

WQPT Quad Cities PBS invites kids to write and illustrate an original story... fact or fiction, prose or poetry. It's fun!

Who can enter?

Any student in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade can enter. There is no fee to enter.

Everyone's a Winner!

Every entrant will receive a Certificate of Achievement and all stories will be returned. Teachers, enter your classroom and receive two free books.

Top 16 Local Winners

Four winners from each grade will be selected to receive cool prizes at a celebration in May. All winners will appear on-air in a group promotion during PBS Kids programs. First place winners will move on to compete for national prizes and view their stories online.

Local Contest Deadline

Stories must be postmarked by April 10, 2012 and mailed, delivered or submitted online to WQPT at the 60th Street campus of Western Illinois University, 3561 60th Street, Moline, Illinois. Winners will be notified the end of April.



Get all the details, plus download the registration form at

wqpt.org/storycontest

Special opportunity

Parents, this year you have the option of purchasing a hardback copy of your child's story.

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Entry Guidelines & Important Information

Eligibility & entry guidelines

- Entrants must be in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted; all subsequent entries will be disqualified.
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Stories can be fact or fiction, and prose or poetry.

Word count

- Kindergarten and first grade stories must have a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 200 words.
- Second and third grade stories must have a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 350 words.
- The word count includes “a,” “an,” and “the,” but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page or those that enhance the illustrations.
- Text must be printed or written legibly or typed.
- Children who cannot write may dictate their story to be printed, written legibly or typed.
- Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on separate pages.
- Non-English text must be translated on the same page and the translation text must adhere to word count.
- Invented spelling is accepted.

Format & Illustrations

- Stories must have at least 5 original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- Original art can include drawings, photographs, collages, and 3-D.
- Stories must be created on one side of the paper and numbered on the back of each page.

Official Entry Form

- Each entry must include the official PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest Entry Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian (and, if appropriate, the optional signature of the sponsoring teacher), confirming that the story and art are original.
- The entry form must be complete and legible.

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