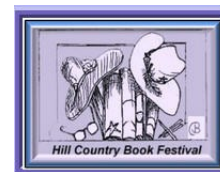


Story Writing Competition

Hill Country Book Festival Children and Youth Writing Competition



Building Generations of Writers

Winners will be announced
December 3, 2011.

The writing will take place at the Georgetown library.

Students will write a story to the prompt shown below.
Only the brief outline provided below (or a facsimile) may be brought
to the writing competition. Contestants CANNOT use a previously written story.

Contestants will select **ONE** of the following writing times (times subject to change—registered contestants will be notified).
October 19, Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 pm - October 22, Saturday, 10-12 pm - October 22, Saturday, 2-4 pm

ALL SELECTED ENTRIES WILL BE PUBLISHED.

**The Hill Country Book Festival is pleased to announce
that entries selected by the committee will be published
in an anthology. Authors of the selected entries will
receive a free copy of the anthology.**

Copies of the anthology will be available at the Authors' Autograph Party. Date to be determined.

The competition is divided into three grade divisions: 3rd and 4th / 5th and 6th / 7th and 8th

One winner is selected from each division.
The winner of each division will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate from Hill Country Book Store.
Two Certificates of Merit will be chosen from each division and will receive a special book chosen by the committee.

Judges will be looking for: creativity (60% of total score);
organization and development (30% of total score);
sentence structure, word usage (vocabulary), and fluency (10% of total score).

Paper, pens, pencils and one dictionary will be provided.

Judges' decisions are final.

PROMPT: *Making Good Choices*

The prince chose to look for the mystery girl at the ball. If he hadn't, there wouldn't be a story. Every story is about people making choices. Sometimes they make good choices, sometimes they make bad ones. And sometimes those choices have BIG consequences, good or bad, such as they choose a winning lottery ticket number, but then choose to waste all the money. It's important we learn from the choices we make. Write a story about a character who makes a choice and what happens because of that choice. The story must include what the character learned because of their choice. Use the outline below to be sure your story includes:

Title of the story _____

Main Character/s _____

Setting _____

What is the choice _____

What is the problem because of that choice _____

How the problem is solved _____

What the character learned _____