

THROUGH THEIR EYES



STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Young Writers invites you to write a poem from someone or something else's point of view. You can tackle an issue important to you, explore empathy, express yourself and your opinions. Your poem can be written in any style and use any poetic techniques that you'd like to include.

Check out the video that introduces the activity: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgPN08DRtCg>

PROOFREADING TIPS:

- 👁️ Read your poem out loud – this will help you hear if it flows
- 👁️ Check it's in first person narrative throughout
- 👁️ Are names and places all spelt consistently and correctly?
- 👁️ Ask a friend to read it – fresh eyes will spot things you miss
- 👁️ Read through it several times, checking a different thing each time – tenses, spelling, punctuation, perspective, etc.
- 👁️ If you've hand-written it, is every word legible?
- 👁️ Check you have included your name, age and school

WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR WHEN PICKING THE WINNERS?

- 👁️ Use of creativity
- 👁️ Use of a poetic form or poetic techniques
- 👁️ A complete poem
- 👁️ A poem that provokes an emotion – amusement, sorrow, fear, anger etc
- 👁️ Vocabulary that evokes imagery or atmosphere (but don't swallow the thesaurus!)

PRIZES

Our favourite 5 poets will win a **£50 and a trophy.**

(Winners will be chosen from entries submitted in Spring Term 2024.)



Every entrant receives a bookmark and all young writers chosen for publication will receive a certificate of merit!

Plus: There is a prize for the best school **AND** your school receives a free copy of the book their students feature in.

IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART

1. Your teacher will give you a worksheet to write your poem on (printed or a Word Doc)
OR a link to your school's Online Writing Portal where you will login & type your poem
2. Write your entry, hand it in and your teacher will submit it!