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Letters About Literature Student Competition Open for 2017

Letters About Literature: Read. Be inspired. Write back.

Nevada Center for the Book, a program of Nevada Humanities, is offering Nevada students a chance to enter the national *Letters About Literature* competition this year. *Letters About Literature* is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12, run through the Library of Congress. Students are asked to read a book, poem, or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on state and national levels. Tens of thousands of students from across the country enter the *Letters About Literature* competition each year. Encouraging students to write to authors is a great way for teachers to get children more deeply engaged as readers, and *Letters About Literature* encourages students to reflect and respond. For more information on how to submit, ask a teacher, email sgibson@nevadahumanities.org, or go to www.read.gov/letters.

ENTER ONE OF THE THREE COMPETITION LEVELS:

Level 1: Grades 4, 5, and 6

Level 2: Grades 7 and 8

Level 3: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Deadline (all competition levels): January 12, 2018

Send letters to:

Letters About Literature

Library of Congress

101 Independence Avenue SE

Washington, DC 20540-4921

AWARDS

Each state recognizes and awards prizes to winning participants.

The Library of Congress will announce all National and National Honor Winners and will publish all state-level winners on its website.

National Winners in each competition level will receive a \$1,000 cash award

National Honor Winners in each competition level will receive a \$200 cash award

Check read.gov/letters for details on state awards and ceremonies