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2019 YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST GIVING A VOICE TO OTHERS

Jack London was famous for his investigative reporting and keen observation of human behavior and circumstances, as well as his novels. These skills were also evident in his fictional writing, as many of his creative stories were based on real people and events that he observed first-hand. Through works like *People of the Abyss*, *Star Rover*, and his many tales from the Klondike, Jack London gave a voice to many who might otherwise have gone unheard. This year we dedicate the Young Writers Contest to Jack London, observer of humanity. See writing prompt for details.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2019.

Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered.



2018 winners

WRITING PROMPT

Your job is to seek out a compelling true story by interviewing someone in your family, school, or community. Then re-tell their tale in your own words by writing an engaging short story about it (can be fictional or biographical but must be narrative in style). See entry form for rules.

TWO CATEGORIES:

Elementary School
(4th-5th)

Middle School
(6th-8th)

High school students can contact the Jack London Foundation for information

on a separate contest:

jlondon@vom.com

This contest is not affiliated with Jack London Park Partners

Jack London



JACK LONDON PARK PARTNERS WRITING CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Contestants must write an original story for submission. Each student may submit only one entry.
2. The submission must be typed, double-spaced, and:
 - a. 1,500 words for 4th/5th grade submissions
 - b. 2,000 words for middle school submissions
 - c. **Submissions within each grade-level that contain more than 10 words over, or under, the word count stated above will *not* be eligible for the contest.**
3. Submissions must be written in English.
4. Submissions will be judged on narrative style and creative use of language.
5. The submissions must have this completed entry form attached. **Stories submitted without the entry form will not be considered.**
6. Student author's name will be on this entry form but **DO NOT** add student's name to the actual story submitted. Submissions will not be returned.

Deadline for entry is February 28, 2019. Winners will be announced in April 2019

AWARDS FOR WINNING ENTRIES	
Elementary School	Middle School
1 st place \$75	1 st place \$150
2 nd place \$50	2 nd place \$75
3 rd place \$25	3 rd place \$50

JACK LONDON PARK PARTNERS WRITING CONTEST ENTRY FORM (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Author's Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Email _____

Grade Level _____ School _____

School Address _____

Title of Submission _____

Word Count _____ (see above restrictions)

I declare that this story is my own original work

Author's signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Send all mail-in entries to: Jack London Park Partners, ATTN: Kristina Ellis, 2400 London Ranch Rd., Glen Ellen, CA 95442. Emailed entries to: kellis@jacklondonpark.com