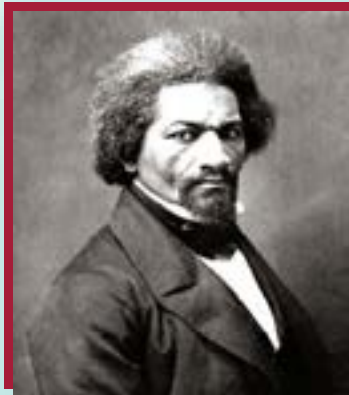


Douglass Day 2019

Words of Influence Contest for Young Writers



In celebration of the lives of Frederick Douglass and Anna Murray Douglass, the African American Museum in Philadelphia and the Colored Conventions Project at the University of Delaware, invite young people ages 10 to 21 to enter the "Words of Influence Contest for Young Writers 2019."

Get Inspired. Write and Win!



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Words of Influence Contest Details

READINGS

Choose one of the three following prompts and respond to the best of your ability:

Write a Commentary: Read "[Address of Hon. Frederick Douglass, delivered before the National Convention of Colored Men in Louisville, KY, September 24th, 1883.](#)" Use this speech as inspiration to write your own commentary speaking to current events. Length 300 - 500 words.

Write a Tribute: Read "[My Mother Anna Murray Douglass as I Recall Her,](#)" by Rosetta Douglass Sprague (1900). Using this tribute as inspiration, write a tribute about an influential woman in your life. Length 300 - 500 words.

Write a Poem: Read "[Frederick Douglass,](#)" by Robert Hayden (1996). Use this poem as inspiration to write a poem reflecting your understanding of freedom and / or the life and legacy of Frederick Douglass. Length 130 words.

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SUBMISSION DETAILS

Eligibility: Contestants must be between 10 and 21 years old, and currently living in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

Title Page: Each entry must include a separate title page with the writer's full name, age, grade, school name (if applicable) and e-mail address.

Deadline: Entries must be received by 12 noon on Friday, February 8, 2019, e-mailed to seusebio@aampmuseum.org.

Evaluation: Each entry will be judged on three criteria:

- > Content - your ability to reflect a deep understanding of the original text
- > Skill - Your submission's grammar, spelling and coherence
- > Creativity - Your ability to express your ideas imaginatively.

Prizes: One winner will be selected from each of the following age groups.

Ages 10 to 13

Ages 14 to 16

Ages 17 to 21

Each winner will receive a cash prize of \$100 and one Frederick Douglass book to be donated to the library of the winner's choice!

Prizes will be announced at the Douglass Day 2019 Celebration, to be held at AAMP at 701 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, from 4pm to 7pm on February 14, 2019.

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