



COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2024

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The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest and most prestigious International Writing Competition..

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2024 is designed to spark curiosity in youngsters about how they can deal with adversity, and how community and culture can be used to encourage resilience and hope in a world with a growing number of global issues.

Recognition and Rewards:

The top two winners from each category will be awarded with a trip to London for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special Awards Ceremony at a royal palace. All successful entries will receive a Certificate of Participation and a number of entrants will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards for excellence in writing.

Topics of Essay for Senior Category:

BORN BETWEEN 16 MAY 2005 AND 15 MAY 2010 (14-18 YEARS OF AGE)

1. "It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change." - Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

What small steps can you take to help tackle the climate crisis?

2. Write a speech highlighting what you think is the most challenging issue facing the world today, and how Commonwealth values can be used to solve it.

3. At the heart of Samoan way of life is 'aiga', meaning 'family' values including selflessness, hospitality, co-operation, respect and dignity. What core values and ideas from your culture can be used to enhance co-operation and community in the Commonwealth?

4. The Commonwealth's London Declaration aimed to strive for peace, liberty and progress. Write a letter to your President or Prime Minister about how to achieve those aims.

Topics of Essay for Junior Category:

BORN ON OR AFTER 16 MAY 2010 (UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

1. What new habit could you adopt to positively contribute towards a greener Commonwealth?

2. Write a dialogue between yourself and a grandparent about resilience and hope. What can you share with the older generation, and what can you learn from them?

3. You are taking part in a beach clean-up and discover that you can speak to sea creatures. What are they saying, and how do you respond?

4. You're on a school exchange in a Commonwealth country different to your own. How do you make friends with people your age? (Consider similarities and differences in culture that may unite you).

HOW TO ENTER: Students interested in this program can register their names to respective class incharges & submit their essays latest by May 12, 2024.