

Writing Contest

"If there is no **struggle**, there is no **progress**"

Frederick Douglas

To **triumph** means to achieve a victory; be successful. A **tragedy** is an event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe.

In order to **triumph** after a **tragedy** a person must look at things in a different way. How does someone ultimately triumph after tragedy? Being able to overcome tragedy and achieve triumph takes great strength. It makes you who you are as a person in your family, school, community and the world. How have you, someone you know personally, someone in the news or someone in history handled triumph and tragedy? How has achieving triumph and overcoming tragedy helped to make your community and/or your world a better place?

The Friends of the Hauppauge Public Library in conjunction with the Hauppauge School District is happy to announce the eighth annual Writing Contest which will run from Saturday, January 26, 2019 through Monday, March 4, 2019.

Students are asked to write about a situation, a person, or event that they feel captures the idea that **with struggle comes progress**, and through **triumph and tragedy** wonderful things can happen for you, your family, school, community and/or the world, and write a **story, essay, poem, or story board (comic strip)** that highlights this concept.

Who is eligible?: Students in grades 1st - 8th attending school in the Hauppauge SD and those attending private or parochial schools served by the Hauppauge Public Library.

Topic: *Achieving Triumph through Tragedy*

Prizes: 1st and 2nd place will be awarded to students in four grade-level groups: 1st - 2nd / 3rd - 4th / 5th - 6th / 7th - 8th

Students who participate will be invited to share their writing pieces during a library celebration on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10am.

Rules:

- Type on the entry: Your name and address
Grade
Teacher's name
School name and address
Contact number
- Stories, essays or poems must be typed. ***Handwritten entries will not be read***
- Essays and stories must be double-spaced
- Please give your story, essay, poem or story board a title
- Writing pieces should be **no longer than five (5) typed pages**
- Storyboards can be hand drawn on one-side of a sheet no larger than 8.5x14
- Storyboards should include both a picture and text or speech bubbles
- Entries must be received by Monday, March 4, 2019

Deliver or send to either:

Hauppauge Public Library
Attn: Catherine Berntsen
1373 Veterans Memorial Highway ~ Suite 1
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dr. Christopher Michael, Director of ELA
Mr. Anthony Aiello, Administrator Intern
Hauppauge High School
500 Lincoln Blvd Hauppauge, New York 11788

1st Place
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2nd Place
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Mention**

