

ELA Writing Competition - May 22, 2021

| Grades:                                 | 2 Persuasive Prompts:   | Time needed to complete: |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade | <p>Option 1: Some people love hot summers at the beach or pool. Others love cold winters with sleds and snowmen. Maybe you like crackling fall leaves or tender spring flowers. Write an essay that names your favorite season and gives reasons why it is best.</p> <p>Option 2: Your local library wants to refresh the library to meet the 21st Century and are trying to decide which option is best: digital books or hard copies. Which would you choose for your school library, and why? Write an essay in which you give reasons for your choice and why it is best.</p> | 45 minutes               |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | <p>Option 1: Think of some unforgettable, inspirational, or life-changing books that have impacted you. Which <u>one</u> of these do you think should be required reading for everyone? Write an essay in which you persuade others to read this book.</p> <p>Option 2: Is there something (a cause, a value, a philosophy, a person, etc.) that you believe is truly worth fighting for? Write an essay persuading others that this cause is worth standing up for.</p>  | 45 minutes               |