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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Holocaust Writing, Art & Film Contest 2017**

**1. What are the judges looking for?**

A panel of judges will review the entries. Judges are educators, artists, writers of various faiths and backgrounds. They will be looking for creativity, thoughtfulness, and an understanding of the question. Judges will be looking for you to relate your knowledge and studies of the Holocaust to your own personal life. Judges will also be looking for proper spelling, grammar, punctuation, and artistic talent.

Are there special considerations that you want the judges to know? If so, please include this in your essay, artist's statement or video.

**2. Do I need a bibliography? Do I need to tell you where I got photos, facts, quotes from?**

Yes.

**3. Is there a flyer/handout with all of the contest information?**

Yes - <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/education/writing-art-contest>.

**4. Where can I print/download a submission form?**

Right here - <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/education/writing-art-contest>. Submission forms are required with each entry.

**5. I am submitting an art piece. Do I have to write an artist's statement?**

Yes. It should be 100 words or less and should be attached to your art piece.

**6. Can I enter both an art piece and a writing piece?**

Yes. You can enter one piece in each category (art, writing, film). However, you can only win in one category. Film is for high school only.

**7. Is there a good short definition of the Holocaust?**

The Holocaust refers to a specific event during the 20th century. It was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and destruction of European Jewish people by the Nazis and their collaborators (helpers) between 1933 and 1945. While Jews were the primary target of Nazi hatred, the Nazis also persecuted and murdered Roma Sinti (Gypsies), Jehovah's Witnesses, Poles, and people with disabilities. Six million Jews (two-thirds of the European Jewish population) and five million others were murdered in the Holocaust.

**8. Will I get my entry back?**

If you want your entry back, you must send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. However, if you are selected as a winner, the Holocaust Center will keep your entry for display.

### 9. Who sponsors the contest?

The Holocaust Center for Humanity. The Holocaust Center is a non-profit organization located in Seattle. For more information about the Holocaust Center (and to watch our really great video) - <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/about-us>.

### 10. Where can I go to learn more about the Holocaust and to read/hear stories from survivors, rescuers, and others?

- Holocaust Center for Humanity –“Survivor Voices” - <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/museum/survivor-voices>.
- Anne Frank Center USA - <http://www.annefrank.com>
- Anne Frank House (Amsterdam) - <http://www.annefrank.org>
- Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (stories of rescuers) - <http://www.jfr.org>.
- Jewish Partisans Educational Foundation (stories of Jewish partisans - armed Jewish resistance) - <http://www.jewishpartisans.org>.
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - <http://www.ushmm.org>.
- USC Shoah Foundation (largest archive of video testimonies, numbering over 52,000 from 56 countries) - <http://college.usc.edu/vhi>.
- Yad Vashem, Jerusalem (archive of names & stories of the Righteous Among the Nations - non-Jewish people who helped Jews) - <http://www.yadvashem.org>.

#### For some excellent free teaching materials, also check out:

- The Holocaust Center has lots of teaching materials online <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/education/lessons-activities-handouts>.
- Teaching Tolerance - Southern Poverty Law Center - [www.tolerance.org](http://www.tolerance.org)
- Facing History and Ourselves - [www.facing.org](http://www.facing.org)

### 11. Can a Holocaust survivor or speaker come to my classroom?

Yes. The Holocaust Center organizes a speakers bureau of Holocaust survivors and children of survivors. The first step is to read about it on our website and then complete the online form with a few possible dates that you would like the person to come. Speakers need approximately 60-90 minutes. <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/speakers-bureau/about-the-speakers-bureau>.

### 12. Is there a list of suggested books and films on the Holocaust?

Yes. Please see the annotated bibliographies for the Holocaust Center's teaching trunks. Choose the trunk at the appropriate grade level for suggested list of books and films. - <http://www.holocaustcenterseattle.org/education/teaching-trunks>.

**Have additional questions or want more information?**  
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