CREATIVE WRITING

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Sunday, July 12, 4-6 PM
JUDGING:	Monday, July 13, 8:30 AM, Closed Judging
RELEASE:	Tuesday, July 21, 8-10 AM and 4-6 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	3 exhibits per county, 1 per level

Project Description:
This project is designed to give you an opportunity to explore or refine your writing skills and to display your creativity. Writing is a skill that you will use your entire life. You write papers for school, emails and letters to family and friends, and some day you will use your writing skills in your career.

Levels:

Beginner	**Grades 3-5**
Intermediate	**Grades 6-8**
Advanced	**Grades 9-12**

Categories:

1. **Short Story**- Exhibit is a fictional short story, play, or screenplay. Length depends on your exhibitor level.
2. **Poetry**- Exhibit is a poem or song lyrics of any length or style.
3. **Children's Story**- Exhibit is a story written specifically for young children and includes illustrations.
4. **Comic Book**- Exhibit is a comic book that includes illustrations. Length depends on your exhibitor level.
5. **Micro-fiction**- Exhibit is a story told in exactly 50 words, no more and no less.

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. Only one (1) exhibit is required to complete the Creative Writing project. However, you may choose to have an entry in multiple project categories, but may not have more than one (1) exhibit in an individual category.
2. All exhibits should be typed or handwritten clearly.
3. Please submit two (2) copies for judging, so that the judge may mark on one (1) copy, while the other is "clean" for displaying at the fair.
4. All exhibits must have been written since the previous year's county fair. Work that has been judged in any writing contest is ineligible for 4-H competition. All exhibits must be the exclusive work of the 4-H member. No group projects, collaborations, or fan-fiction should be submitted for judging.
5. Each entry is to have a title page with the following information: Title, Author, Date, Project Category, Exhibitor Level, and 4-H Club.
6. You may exhibit writing that you did for school, so long as it meets the project guidelines. Do not turn in pages with grades or teacher comments; reprint or rewrite your exhibit so it is clean and easy to judge.
7. All exhibits must be submitted in a binder, folder, or report cover to keep it neat and clean during judging and display at the fair.
8. Only the basic binder, folder, or report cover is required. However, you may decorate the cover or use your creativity to personalize your project. You may use any tools available to you to present your exhibit in the best possible way, such as professional binding, laminating, etc. These are optional and above and beyond the basic exhibit guidelines. Make sure you concentrate on the project, before the presentation of it.
9. See Creative Writing project manual for more information on each category guidelines.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

<u>Beginner- Grades 3-5</u>
One (1) of the following: A short story of 50-300 words, a comic book of eight (8) or more panels, a poem or children's story of any length, or a micro-fiction of 50 words exactly. Include record sheet with project.

<u>Intermediate- Grades 6-8</u>
One (1) of the following: A short story of 300-800 words, a comic book of fourteen (14) or more panels, a poem or children's story of any length, or a micro-fiction of 50 words exactly. Include record sheet with project.

<u>Advanced- Grades 9-12</u>
One (1) of the following: A short story of 800-1300 words, a comic book of twenty (20) or more panels, a poem or children's story of any length, or a micro-fiction of fifty (50) words exactly. Include record sheet with project.