

CREATIVE WRITING: CREATIVE & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

State Fair Exhibit - None (County Only project)

This project is designed to help you explore your writing talents. To develop good writing skills, practice is a necessity. You may choose to try poetry or play writing. Or you may wish to experiment with essays, biographies, novels, short stories or autobiographies, or children's stories.

Your individual interest should determine the topic and choose to write about. It could be something of current concern such as the pros and cons of nuclear energy production, or the problem of land use in Fountain County. Or maybe you would prefer to write a story of poem about an event that affected you personally or a historical sketch.

Just let yourself go and have fun with this project. Write to your heart's content. There will be time later to clean up the details.

This project will be divided into three grade levels:

Beginner: grade 3-5;

- A poem of any length or style or
- A story, autobiography, children's story or any other prose piece consisting of 50-300 words.
- Record Sheet

Intermediate: grade 6-8;

- A poem of any length or style or
- A story, autobiography, children's story or any other prose piece consisting of 200-500 words
- Record Sheet

Advanced: grade 9-12

- A poem of any length or style or
- A story, autobiography, children's story or any other prose piece consisting of 300-1000 words.
- Record Sheet

Please turn in two copies. One for the judge to mark comments in and one clean copy to display.

GENERAL RULES

1. Only one entry or exhibit is required to complete the Creative Writing project. However, 4-H members may enter twice in their level by choosing to write one piece for each category, Poetry, Prose or Children's Story.
2. All entries are to be handwritten neatly in ink or typed. Typed entries should be double spaced. Please submit 2 copies for judging so that the judge may mark on one copy while the other is "clean" for displaying at the fair.
3. Children's stories must include illustrations. Illustrations are NOT required for Poetry and Prose entries, but are permitted to enhance your exhibit.
4. All entries must have been written since the previous year's county fair. Work that has been judged in any other writing contest is ineligible for 4-H competition. All entries must be the

exclusion work of the 4H member. NO group projects or collaborations should be submitted for judging.

5. Each entry is to have a TITLE PAGE with the following information: Title, Author, Date, Project Category, Grade in School (just completed), and Club.
6. Each entry is to be bound to keep it neat and clean during judging and display at the 4-H Fair. Use any type of three-pronged folder or school report cover available at most department stores. You may decorate the cover, or use a report binder with a plastic front so your title page shows through.
7. Neatness counts. Be sure your project is clean, neat, and organized.
8. Use any tools available to you to present your exhibit in the best possible way. However, don't neglect the most important part of this project... "Creative Writing". The developments of your subject into a poem or story, the creative way you express yourself, and the proper grammatical use of words, are more important to the judge than computer printing and expensive laminating and bindings. Make sure you concentrate on the project, before the presentation of it.
9. Double – Check the order of the paper in your binder.
 - a. Title Page (required)
 - b. Description of poetry form (optional for poetry projects only)
 - c. Your writing project (required)
 - d. Bibliography (given credit to sources only if you researched)
 - e. Author's page (optional, permitted for all three categories)

Members are required to complete General Record Sheet and include the project each year.

1. Prose: Exhibit is a story (fiction or nonfiction), autobiography, biography, essay, journal entry or any other prose piece. This is not a research paper. Maximum of 10 pages plus title page.

2. Poetry: Exhibit is a poem of any style with a maximum of 100 lines. Submit a creative writing project record with your 4-H record folder at project check-in. All entries are to be handwritten neatly in ink or typed. Typed entries should be double-spaced. Computer generated documents are acceptable in double spaced format. Entries must use font between 10 and 16 point. Avoid all caps and decorative fonts.

Entries are not to be illustrated.

All entries must have been written during the current calendar year. Work that has been judged in any other writing contest is ineligible for 4-H competition. School work not entered in any contest is acceptable.

All entries must be the exclusive work of the 4-H member, NO group projects or collaborations should be submitted for judging.

Each entry MUST have a title page with the following: Title, Author, Date, Project Level, Project Category, Grade in School, and 4-H Club.

Each entry MUST be bound using a clear report cover, available at most department or office supply stores, to keep it neat and clean during judging and display at the Dubois County 4-H Fair.

Do not use individual sheet protectors so the judge can make specific comments on the page(s).

It is recommended to make a copy of your project for safekeeping since your exhibit will be handled and read by many people during the 4-H Fair.

The Fountain County 4-H Council reserves the right to not display any exhibit that may be deemed inappropriate for the fair-going audience.

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