24th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

Chapman University and The 1939 Society

EDUCATOR GUIDE

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Entry postmark date • February 1, 2023

Digital submission due date • February 3, 2023

Awards Ceremony • March 10, 2023

"At the very last moment
my mother reached into the pile of rags
on the shelf where she slept and pulled out a
walnut-size piece of dry bread. It was all in the
world my mother had to give me,
the best she could do."

LEON LEYSON

The Boy on the Wooden Box



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the geographic reach of the contest?

The contest is open to students both in the United States and internationally. All entries must be submitted in English.

What grade levels are eligible to participate?

Students currently enrolled in grades 6 – 8 are eligible to compete in the middle school competition. Students currently enrolled in grades 9 – 12 are eligible to compete in the high school competition.

Do middle school students compete against high school students?

No. Students in grades 6-8 compete in the middle school division and students in grades 9-12 compete in the high school division.

In what categories may students compete?

There are four categories: art (which includes photography), film, poetry, and prose.

How many entries are allowed per school?

Participating schools may submit a total of three entries (one entry per student) in any combination of the following categories: art, film, poetry, or prose.

 Schools serving middle and high school grades may submit up to three entries for middle school grades and up to three entries for high school grades.

Are group entries eligible?

Student groups may submit their work; however, only one prize will be awarded should the entry win a top prize.

If my school isn't local, do I need to be present at the awards ceremony to receive prizes/recognition?

If your school is not in Southern California, your school does not need to be physically present at the awards ceremony to receive certificates or prizes. For participants who would like to take part in the ceremony, a live video link will be made available.

Can students use a personal contact as the basis of their work instead of using a Holocaust survivor testimony from the websites listed in the contest materials?

All entries must be based on a video testimony on the approved websites listed in the contest materials only. Works based on other testimony sources will be disqualified.

Can students refer to a book instead of a video testimony?

Books may be used as secondary sources; however, each submitted entry must be based on a video testimony from one of the approved websites listed in the contest materials.

What if my school or students do not have Internet access? Are there other options for viewing a video testimony?

Yes, please contact Jessica Mylymuk at **cioffi@chapman.edu** or at (714) 628-7377 to discuss options for access to a video testimony.

Are there any video testimonies with a running time of two hours or less?

Testimonies can vary in length. For a list of testimonies that are two hours in length or less, please refer to the list on page 7 of this booklet or visit Chapman.edu/holocaust-arts-contest to view a PDF with active links.

Can students submit choreography or a musical composition?

Currently performance art and music composition are not categories included in the contest. However, student choreographers and composers may submit a film that includes original music and/or dance elements. The submission will be judged as a film and not as a musical composition or dance piece.

Do students have to be sponsored by a school or can they enter the contest on their own?

Students must be sponsored by schools. Works submitted without a school/educator sponsorship will not be entered into the competition.

Are students who attend a home school, alternative school, or other nontraditional education center eligible to participate?

Yes, all educational facilities that serve grades 6 – 12 are eligible to participate in the contest.

Do students need to cite the sources they use in their submissions?

Yes, students are required to provide the URL of the video testimony used in their works. In addition, if secondary sources are used, students should submit a separate page of citations for these sources along with their entries.

Can a student use commercial music in their film project?

Students must obtain written permission from copyright holders for all music used in film entries, with the exception of tracks from the *Echoes of Vilna* album made available by the Orange County Klezmers.

Email cioffi@chapman.edu to request access to preview tracks and to request download links.

Can a student use images or film clips from the Internet in their film project?

Written permission from the copyright holder is required for images and film clips that do not belong to the student or are not in the public domain.

What happens to the winning entries?

All submissions, including original works of art, become the property of the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at Chapman University.

When are winners notified?

Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at Chapman University on March 10, 2023.

How are entries submitted?

Your school's three entries may be submitted digitally using the online submission form found on the Holocaust Art & Writing Contest website.

First-place artists may be required to provide the original hard copies of their artworks. Hard copy submissions may be sent to:

Jessica Mylymuk Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education Chapman University One University Drive Orange, CA 92866, USA

When is the deadline to submit entries?

The postmark deadline for submissions is February 1, 2023. The deadline for delivering or sending submissions digitally is February 3, 2023.

Do you offer professional development opportunities for teachers to help them prepare their students to participate in the contest?

Yes. The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education will offer workshops both on-site and online throughout the academic year. Please check the contest website for specific dates and information on how to register.

For any other questions, contact Jessica MyLymuk at the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at Chapman University at cioffi@chapman.edu or at (714) 628-7377.



General Criteria - All Categories

- Regardless of delivery method (digital or hard copy), all entrants must complete the online submission form available on the contest website.
- Entries must reflect genuine engagement with the survivor's testimony in its historical context and constitute a thoughtful and creative response.
- Entries must be based on a survivor's full-length testimony available from one of the following sources:
 - o The 1939 Society website at the 1939 society.org
 - Chapman University's Holocaust Art & Writing Contest website featuring video testimonies from the collection of the USC Shoah Foundation at Chapman.edu/contest-testimonies
 - o South Carolina Council on the Holocaust website at scholocaustcouncil.org/survivor.php
 - o USC Shoah Foundation The Institute for Visual History and Education's YouTube channel at Youtube.com/uscshoahfoundation ("Full-Length Testimonies" playlists)
- Entries must include a time stamp (timecode) from the video testimony. This is the moment in the testimony that the student chooses that references the theme of the contest prompt.
- Entries that do not follow the criteria will be disqualified.

Specific Criteria – Art

- Regardless of delivery method (digital or hard copy), all entrants must complete the online submission form available on the contest website.
- Entries must be submitted with the artist's statement that includes:
 - o Title of the work
 - o Name of survivor to whose testimony this work is a response
 - o Statement of how the work addresses the prompt
 - Statement must not include student or school name and must not exceed 100 words.
 - Acknowledgement of sources to protect copyright holders, proper citation of all sources is required. Permission for sources that are not public domain must be obtained in writing from copyright holder and submitted with entry.
 - Please do not staple, tape, or otherwise attach the artist statement to the artwork
- Submissions must be two-dimensional only, on medium no thicker than $^{3}\!4''$, and must not exceed $12'' \times 18.''$
- Artwork must not include the artist's name or any other identifying information.
- Artwork must not be matted or framed.
- Fixative spray must be applied to charcoal, pencil, pastel, and chalk art.
- Submissions can include photography and computer-generated images.
 Artists can use charcoal, pencil, pastel, chalk, watercolors, acrylics, or oils.
- Renderings of another's work will be disqualified.
- Please note that all images, whether computer, artist, or photo generated must be the creation of the student artist.
- Entries that do not follow the criteria will be disqualified.

Specific Criteria – Film

- Regardless of delivery method (digital or hard copy), all entrants must complete the online submission form available on the contest website.
- Entries must be submitted with the filmmaker's statement including:
 - o Title of the work
 - o Name of survivor to whose testimony this work is a response
 - o Statement of how the work addresses the prompt
 - Statement must not include student or school name and must not exceed 100 words.

- Acknowledgement of sources to protect copyright holders, proper citation of all sources is required. Permission for sources that are not public domain must be obtained in writing from copyright holder and submitted with entry.
- Content viewing time (without credits) may be no longer than three
 (3) minutes.
- File size must not exceed 600 MB.
- Films are to be submitted without credits for blind judging. A completed film with credits should be prepared in the event the film is selected for screening.
- Films may be submitted using WeTransfer.com, Google Drive, or other free file transfer websites.
- To ensure compatibility with MAC and PC, please use either QuickTime or MPEG format.
- Entries that do not follow the criteria will be disqualified.

We are grateful to the Orange County Klezmers for making available to registered participants musical selections from their album *Echoes of Vilna*. To preview or to request tracks for use in a film entry, please email Jessica Mylymuk, cioffi@chapman.edu.

Students wishing to use music, photos, video, or other artwork in their films should be aware that these may be protected by U.S. copyright law and therefore require permission from the artists to use them. Purchasing or downloading materials from a website is generally intended for personal and home use only and does not grant the purchaser the right to reproduce, perform, or display copyrighted works publicly. For any copyrighted works appearing in the film, written permission must be obtained from the copyright holders and submitted with the entry.

Specific Criteria - Poetry

- Regardless of delivery method (digital or hard copy), all entrants must complete the online submission form available on the contest website.
- Entries must be titled.
- Entries must be typed.
- Entries must not include graphics, drawings, or other images. It must be clear that the entry is a poem and not an artwork.
- Entries must not include reference to student or school name.
- Students should include the name of the survivor about whom the entry is written. If the name doesn't appear in the work, it should appear under the title.
- Entries may be no more than 30 lines.
- Entries that do not follow the criteria will be disqualified.

Specific Criteria – Prose

- Regardless of delivery method (digital or hard copy), all entrants must complete the online submission form available on the contest website.
- Entries must be titled.
- Entries must be typed.
- Entries must not include reference to student or school name.
- Students should include the name of the survivor about whom the entry is written. If the name doesn't appear in the work, it should appear under the title.
- Entries may be no more than 500 words.
- Entries that do not follow the criteria will be disqualified.

Rubrics

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| Art | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Content | | | | |
| Uses a word, phrase, or sentence from a survivor's testimony that references a memory of love, either before or during the Holocaust, that became a source of strength in the struggle to survive | | | | |
| Explores the meaning and significance of this word, phrase, or sentence in the survivor's story, and the student's own understanding of what it means to live life with love | | | | |
| Demonstrates evidence of insight and personal reflection | | | | |
| Presents historical facts (names, dates, places) accurately | | | | |
| Communicates clearly the inspiration and intent of the piece in the artist's statement | | | | |
| Style | | | | |
| Approaches the theme (prompt) thoughtfully | | | | |
| Engages the viewer's attention by exploring the significance of the word, phrase, or sentence and its connection to the theme (prompt) | | | | |
| Demonstrates appropriateness in content choices including the use of historical images and original graphics | | | | |
| Demonstrates originality and creative representation of the theme (prompt) | | | | |
| Reflects artistry and skill | | | | |

| Film | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| Content | | | | |
| Uses a word, phrase, or sentence from a survivor's testimony that references a memory of love, either before or during the Holocaust, that became a source of strength in the struggle to survive | | | | |
| Explores the meaning and significance of this word, phrase, or sentence in the survivor's story, and the student's own understanding of what it means to live life with love | | | | |
| Demonstrates evidence of insight and personal reflection | | | | |
| Presents historical facts (names, dates, places) accurately | | | | |
| Communicates clearly the inspiration and intent of the piece in the filmmaker's statement | | | | |
| Credits sources appropriately | | | | |
| Style | | | | |
| Reflects a clear and genuine voice | | | | |
| Engages the viewer's attention by exploring the significance of the word, phrase, or sentence and its connection to the theme (prompt) | | | | |
| Presents a well-executed progression of experiences, events, or ideas from beginning to end, so that they build on one another to create a coherent and dynamic film | | | | |
| Demonstrates appropriateness in all content choices including music, historical images, dialogue, and narration | | | | |
| Demonstrates originality and creative representation of the theme (prompt) | | | | |

| Poetry and Prose | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| Content | | | | |
| Uses a word, phrase, or sentence from a survivor's testimony that references a memory of love, either before or during the Holocaust, that became a source of strength in the struggle to survive | | | | |
| Explores the meaning and significance of this word, phrase, or sentence in the survivor's story, and the student's own understanding of what it means to live life with love | | | | |
| Demonstrates evidence of insight and personal reflection | | | | |
| Presents historical facts (names, dates, places) accurately | | | | |
| Style Style | | | | |
| Theme (prompt) is approached thoughtfully | | | | |
| Language choices are appropriate and respectful | | | | |
| Writing voice is clear and genuine | | | | |
| Grammar, mechanics, and syntax support the topic and do not distract from communicating the main idea | | | | |
| Presents a well-executed progression of experiences, events, or ideas from beginning to end, so they build on one another to create a coherent and dynamic work | | | | |

Common Core Connections

The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects ("the Standards") are the culmination of an extended, broad-based effort to fulfill the charge issued by the states to create the next generation of K–12 standards in order to help ensure that all students are college and career ready in literacy no later than the end of high school. (http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy)

The 24th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest provides an authentic speaking, listening, and writing experience for middle and high school students. They can use the contest to better understand the rhetorical concepts of audience, purpose, genre, and style. The contest also provides students an opportunity to explore an integrated model of literacy, conducting original research, and consuming and producing across multi-media.

| Common Core Standard | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-10 | Grades 11-12 | Holocaust Art & Writing Contest Connection |
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| Speaking and Listening Comprehension and Collaboration | Interpret information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how it contributes to a topic, text, or issue under study. (SL.6.2) | Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source. (SL.9-10.2) | Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data. (SL11-12.2) | Students view and listen to at least one full-length video testimony of a Holocaust survivor to use in the process of creating an original work in writing, art, or film. |
| CCSS.ELA-Literacy Speaking and Listening Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas | Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, images, music, sound) and visual displays in presentations to clarify information. (SL.6.5/7.5/8.5) | Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (SL.9-10.5) | Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest. (SL.11-12.5) | Students strategically use multi-media components in creating an original work in art or film. |
| CCSS.ELA-Literacy Writing Text Types and Purposes | Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. (W.6.2a/W.7.2a/W.8.2a) | Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. (W.9-10.2a) | Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. (W.11-12.2a) | Students will create an original work in writing, art, or film; organizing ideas and concepts and employing multimedia elements when useful. Art and film include a written artist's statement. |
| CCSS.ELA-Literacy Writing Text Types and Purposes | Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples. (W.6.2b/W.7.2b/W.8.2b) | Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic. (W.9-11.2b) | Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic. (W.11-12.2b) | Students will develop the topic with relevant facts, concrete details, quotations, or other information in the writing category. |

| Common Core Standard | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-10 | Grades 11-12 | Holocaust Art & Writing Contest Connection |
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| Writing Production and Distribution of Writing | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. [W.6.4/W.7.4/W.8.4] | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (W.11-12.4) | Students will write clearly and coherently in the writing category as well as the artist's statement in art and film. |
| Writing Production and Distribution of Writing | With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. [W.6.5/W.7.5/W.8.5] | Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience. (W.11-12.5) | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (W.11-12.5) | Students will write for an authentic audience. |
| CCSS.ELA-Literacy Writing Research to Build and Present Knowledge | Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. (W.6.7/W.7.7/W.8.7) | Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (W.9-10.7) | Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. (W.11-12.7) | Students will conduct authentic research to address the prompt in the contest, employing research and media skills. |
| CCSS.ELA-Literacy History/Social Studies Key Ideas and Details | Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. (RH.6-8.2) | Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text. (RH.9-10.2) | Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas. (RH.11-12.2) | Students will view and listen to a full-length video testimony of a survivor to determine central ideas and relationships among the details and ideas to create an original work in writing, art, or film. |
| CCSS.ELA-Literacy History/Social Studies Craft and Structure | Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies. (RH.6-8.4) | Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social science. (RH.9-10.4) | Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text. (RH.11-12.4) | Students will engage with the meaning of words and phrases as they make mean- ing of survivor's testimony as it relates to the particular history of the Holocaust. |
| CCSS.ELA-Literacy History/Social Studies Integration of Knowledge and Ideas | Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts. (RH-6-8.7) | Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text. (RH.9-10.7) | Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem. (RH.11-12.7) | Students will integrate visual information as they create an original work in art or film. |

Survivor Testimonies

Many other testimonies, including those from survivors Henry Kress, Leon Leyson, and Jack Pariser, are between 2 and 4 hours in length. We encourage you to consider testimonies of this length as well.

The 1939 Society

Running Time: 1 hour or less

Edgar Aftergood Marianna D. Birnbaum Henriette B. From Georgia Gabor Bertha Haberfeld Ruth Halbreich Alice Hemar Ben Kamm David Klipp

Israel Rosenwald Frances Simon Frederich A. Spiegler

Henia Weit

Sophie Lazar

Running Time: 1-2 hours

Thomas Blatt Stanley Bors Ida V. Brookhouse Barry Bruk Selene Bruk Suzanne Butnik Marion Chervin Fred Diament **Ilse Diament** Ruth Fenton

Harry Gable

Gertude Goetz

Samuel Goetz Sam Goldberg Baruch Goldstein

Zelda Gordon

Miriam Haas Felicia Haberfeld

Sigfried Halbreich Elly Kamm

Piri Katz

Hanka S. Kent Cesia Kingston

Leon Kushynski Sarna Landav-Stoger

Beba Leventhal

Rudolph Yerahmiel Lobel

Maurice Markheim Samuel Michaels

Henry Nusbaum

Leopold Page Ludmila Page

Henry Palmer Galena Segal

Bart Stern

Sonia Tebrich Rose Toren

Marietta S. Van Den Berg

Leon Weinstein Sophie Weinstein

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Running Time: 1 hour or less

Richard Billauer Fela Gipsman

Running Time: 1-2 hours

Joseph Aleksander Engelina Billauer Ralph Fischer

Rosette Fischer Frances Flumenbaum Natan Gipsman Sally Roisman Sam Steinberg Michael Zelon

YouTube — USC Shoah Foundation — The Institute for Visual History and Education

Running Time: 1 hour or less

Malka Pinto Nathan Shapow Eva Wellner

Running Time: 1-2 hours

Irena Abram Hy Abrams Walter Absil Zuzana Adam Szyfra Altstock Ruth Arkiss Sari Baron Flora Benveniste Joseph Berger

Leo Berkwald Celina Biniaz

Adela Boddy Claire Boren

Ellen Brandt Joseph Brod

Susan Brunn Joe Dispeker

Olga Drucker Eva Eiseman

Lea Faranof Romana Farrington Marianna Glazek

Johanna Kimmel Goldberg

Yvette Gould Helen Granek Helen Greenbaum Kurt Greenhut

Joseph Gringlas Hana Gruna

Hans Hammelbacher Walter Hartmann Freda Isakson

Warren Kahn Harry Klein

Greta Klingsberg

Rose Kohn Harry Konar Henry Kreisel Margaret Lambert Kurt Landskroner Marianne Laszlo Olga Leibhard

Marcel Lerner Bent Lerno

Evelyne Marie Micheline Marmor

Kathy Levy

Ursula Levy

Margaret Lowe

David Mandel

Gary Matzdorff Eva Meleck Henry Meyer Edith Milman

Kurt Moses

Elena Nightingale Sara Ostrzega Clare Parker

Isaiah Perrez Hilda Pierce Lola Putt

Edith Reifer Curt Rosenfeld Masza Rosenroth Leopold Rosner

Renate Rossmere Beatrix Sachs Eva Safferman

Curt Scharf Herman Shaalman Hela Shapow

Sandra Segal Marika Somerstein

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