



Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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CIVITAN'S PURPOSE in sponsoring the contest is to encourage students to study the time-honored and time-tested privileges and responsibilities of citizenship and, from their knowledge, to express in writing, ideas which relate to good citizenship in the modern world.

The topic of the 2017-2018 Citizenship Essay Contest is:

Do boundaries protect or hinder freedom?

Examine any possible perspective, such as:

- **in communication**
- **at the workplace**
- **in relationships**
- **at school**
- **in the community**

ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS: Any student under 21 who is enrolled as a full-time student in any high school -- public, private or parochial, in which the Civitan Club is sponsoring the contest -- is eligible and urged to compete. In this instance all high schools within the Plymouth-Canton School District are eligible to be competing schools. Essays must be written by the student him/herself although ideas may be sought from all the usual sources.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

- The essay should contain no fewer than 500 words and no more than 1200 words. It should be neatly typed, double spaced, and on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper.
- The final essay must be submitted in triplicate with the essay's title at the top of every page, but no name.
- There must be one cover sheet that provides the following personal information: name, address, home phone number, title of the essay, high school attended, year of graduation and Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club.

WRITING SUGGESTIONS: This is a creative essay. The major factors taken into account are originality of thought and writing craft, so consider narrative structure, figurative language, imagery, character development, and other techniques. Other factors taken into account are sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. Polish your essay through peer editing, talking to your English teacher, and going to the Writing Center.

>> **OVER for RULES, PRIZES & DEADLINE>>>>**

RULES, PRIZES & DEADLINE:

1. Each contestant should carefully read the rules, eligibility, etc.
2. You submit the three copies of your essay to Mrs. Giromini, Essay Contest Chairman, in Salem 2215, and she alone will know which essay is the product of which contestant.
3. Complete fairness and objectivity will be maintained by removing participant names from essays and properly coding them prior to the judging.
4. Absolutely no essays will be accepted for consideration after the deadline for submission on Thursday, March 8, 2018 before 6th hour. Any essay submitted after 1:15 on that date will be rejected.
5. The judging panel will consist of at least 6 English teachers from the three high schools.
6. Local awards are: 1st Place: \$500.00 2nd Place: \$300.00 and 3rd Place: \$200.00
7. The contest winners will be dinner guests of the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club at their Thursday, April 19th dinner meeting. At this time each winner will be asked to read his or her prize-winning entry, and the awards will be presented.
8. Any questions not answered here? See Mrs. Giromini, Salem room 2215, or email her at kelly.giromini@pccsk12.com.

*We wish the best of luck to every contestant
and hope your involvement
will be a rewarding experience for you!*