



2024 Yom Hashoah Student Response Contest

Resisting Today's Hateful Actions to Prevent Tomorrow's Tragedies

Who's Eligible:

All Howard County students in Grades 7-12

Purpose of the Contest:

The Howard County Holocaust Remembrance Committee seeks to highlight the importance of resisting hateful actions to prevent terrible events from happening again in the future. The contest provides students an opportunity for reflection, and to consider how the events and behaviors of the early 1900s led to the atrocities of the Holocaust, which continue to impact us today.

Entry Background and Topic:

Take time to consider what you have learned about the Holocaust and the behaviors and events that took place in Europe from 1933 to 1945. In what ways, if any, have these and other hateful actions impacted you personally, and how can you take action to resist acts of hatred in your life. Your response may be submitted in one of the following formats of your choice:

- Poem
- Essay
- Art

Prompts:

1. What lessons do we learn from the Holocaust that help us to prevent hateful actions today?
2. What does it mean to be part of a peaceful minority group? Should majority groups have any responsibility to protect peaceful minorities? Why?

The Basic Things to Know:

<p>Essay must be titled and typed. Essay must not include graphics, drawings, or other images. Essay must be 200-400 words that clearly responds to the prompts.</p>	<p>Poem must be titled and typed. Poem must not include graphics, drawings, or other images. Poem must be no longer than 30 lines and clearly responds to the prompts.</p>	<p>Art must include a title and statement (less than 100 words) of how the work addresses the prompt. Art must be original, two-dimensional only, and must not exceed 12" x 18". Any medium may be used.</p>
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- Entries should be submitted by email no later than March 15, 2024 to YomHaShoahEssayContest@gmail.com.
- Write your name in the subject line.
- Include a separate title page with your name, grade, contact phone number and/or email address.
- One entry (either written or visual) per student.
- Participants will receive email confirmation of their submission.
- Entries will be reviewed by Howard County Holocaust Remembrance Committee members using a 4-point rubric that incorporates common core standards. The top two high school students and two middle school students will receive a \$100 or \$50 award as a gesture of appreciation. .