



2016 Bulgarian Creative Writing Competition Official Rules

To be read out loud to students on the day of the competition

1. Students who participate must be in 6th to 12th grades and study English.
2. All entries must be written in English only.
3. There are three (3) prompts for each grade level. Students must choose one (1) of these topics from their own grade level. (They should write their topic—including the number—at the top of the first page.) Entries from students who choose a prompt from another grade level will not be read or eligible for any awards.
Note: *Entries containing hate speech (i.e. speech that attacks a person or group on the basis of attributes such as gender, ethnic origin, religion, race, disability, or sexual orientation) will be disqualified.*
4. The topics must be read out loud once by the school contact teacher. They must also be displayed in written form for students to see (i.e., on a blackboard).
5. Students are given one hour (60 minutes) to write. They must do so in the presence of at least one proctor. The school contact teacher may not be present while students write their pieces.
6. A clock must be visible for the students as they are writing. Students may NOT consult their mobile phones to tell the time. Any student caught using a mobile phone will have his or her work taken from them, and will be disqualified from the competition.
7. While writing, students may not consult any sort of reference materials. These include:
 - dictionaries
 - textbooks
 - mobile phones
 - tablets
 - notes
 - other students
 - etc.**Note:** *Students caught using these or other reference materials will have their papers taken from them and they will be disqualified from the competition.*
8. Students must complete a Biographical Information form. They must write their name only on this form. They must not write their name on the papers themselves.
9. Students must bring their own paper and pen or pencil. They may write in either pen or pencil. They may cross out or erase as much as they need. Papers do not need to be pretty but they should be legible.
10. When the proctor informs students that time is up, students must put down their pen or pencil and turn their paper face down. Students who finish BEFORE the end of the 60-minute period may stand up and bring their paper and Biographical Information sheet to the proctor. Once the student has stapled the Biographical Information sheet to the BACK of the paper, the student may leave the room.