

NCTE'S PROMISING YOUNG WRITERS WRITING CONTEST



Calling All 8th Grade Writers!!

Enter to be considered one of the National Council of Teachers of English's Promising Young Writers. Last year, only ONE student from Florida was chosen for this prestigious award! Could you be the one who helps our state rise in the ranks of middle school writing excellence? Read on to find out how!

Task: Produce any genre, or kind, of writing (e.g., personal essay, graphic novel, news article, love letter, poem, photo essay, scientific report, song, local petition, letter to a politician, speech, etc) that addresses this year's writing theme.

2021 Theme: Change

Some years can be described in a word, and the events of 2020 seem to have settled on one: **change**. In 2020, we have been simultaneously isolated and drawn together by both changes forced upon us, and the changes we see fit to bring upon our internal and external worlds. Amidst these challenges, many young voices are taking the lead, while others are effectively collaborating to build momentum through various social, political, and environmental movements. This year we also recognize anniversaries of historical change, their shortcomings, and their potential shapes in the future. Perhaps, youth will take these events as cues to continue their commitment to social, political, and personal change.

NCTE invites eighth graders to write on the topic of change in a genre that best serves their message.

For entry specifics, see Mrs. Houston in the Media Center or email her at kate.houston@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Deadline to apply: February 5

Are You A Promising Young Writer?