

# 2021 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

## STUDENT CHECKLIST

We want to help you create a successful entry for the Creative Writing Contest and have designed this checklist to assist you with your entry.

*Entries that do not follow these specifications will be disqualified.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Review your entry for content:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Story is fictional
- \_\_\_\_\_ Story is student's original work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Story includes at least **TWO CHARACTERS from the 2021 Faire**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Story shows knowledge and understanding of characters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Story is historically connected to time frame of the Renaissance Faire

\_\_\_\_\_ Review your entry format:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Entry form provided by your teacher is complete
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entry form is stapled to the back of the story facing outward
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review entry for correct length: Story is five double-spaced pages or less
- \_\_\_\_\_ Story pages show no student name, no school name, no grade level, no illustrations
- \_\_\_\_\_ If typed, story is on 8 1/2" X 11" plain white paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ If typed, story is in black ink
- \_\_\_\_\_ If typed, story is in an easy-to-read font, such as Times New Roman, size 12
- \_\_\_\_\_ If handwritten, story is on 8 1/2" X 11" white lined composition paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ If handwritten, story is in dark blue or black pen

\_\_\_\_\_ Review entry for correct mechanics:

- \_\_\_\_\_ If using Henrician vocabulary and phrasing, be sure you have used them correctly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Use a spell-checker or dictionary to check spelling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check your entry for proper use of punctuation and grammar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Read the story to someone to check that your writing makes sense, is organized, the relationships between characters are local, and actions are clear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Give your entry a title that relates well to your story

\_\_\_\_\_ **Deadline:** Be sure to return your completed entry to your teacher by the deadline provided to you in class to assist your teacher with getting the entries to the Faire by the final deadline.

The Faire hopes that by providing this checklist, entry into the competition will go more smoothly for everyone and necessary disqualifications will occur.