

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 2024 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.