



THE YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION 2017-18

The U.S. Embassy Qatar – in partnership with the English Department in the Educational Supervision Office at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education – is pleased to announce the fourth annual Young Writers Competition!

Participation Guidelines

- The competition is open to all government school students in **grades 5, 8, and 10**.
- **Only** students attending **Ministry of Education and Higher Education government schools** are invited to participate.
- **Only one entry per student** is allowed.
- Please submit your essay at this site: <http://youngwritersqatar.com>
- The writing can be a personal essay, a true story, a fiction story, or a poem and must adhere to the writing topics as outlined below.
- No submissions will be accepted after February 12th, 2018.
- **Plagiarized or non-original work will be disqualified.**
- Competition winners will be awarded amazing prizes from the U.S. Embassy Qatar and their writing will be published in the fourth volume of the Young Writers Journal!



Transforming Obstacles into Opportunities

Gr.5 Primary

In a speech delivered in July 2017, the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, spoke to the importance of positive human qualities like love, creativity, and bravery to overcome obstacles. With this in mind, imagine you are a superhero. What is your superpower and how does your superpower help your community, country or the world? Write a poem, personal essay (nonfiction), or use your imagination to write a short story (fiction) about this topic.

Gr.8 Preparatory

In a speech delivered in July 2017, the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, spoke about the positive outcomes that can grow out of challenging times. He cited the proverb, "Every cloud has a silver lining" which, he noted, corresponds with the Quranic verse: "And perhaps you may hate something which is good for you." Reflect on these ideas and write a poem, personal essay (nonfiction), or use your imagination to write a short story (fiction).

Gr.10 Secondary

In a speech delivered in July 2017, the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, spoke about the importance of transforming challenges into opportunities through innovation, creativity, and independent thinking. With this in mind, imagine you are the CEO of a successful company or business. What kind of business is it, and how does it impact your community, country, or the world? Write a poem, personal essay (nonfiction), or a short story (fiction) about this topic.



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