



QUAD CITIES PBS

We invite kids to write & illustrate an original story...
fact or fiction, prose or poetry.



2018

WRITERS
CONTEST

Deadline
March 30, 2018

Give us your
best stories



Encourage
kids to enter!

It's super
fun!

Who can enter?

Any student in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade can enter. There is no fee to enter.

Everyone's a winner!

Every entrant will receive a Certificate of Achievement when they pick up their story at the WQPT-Quad Cities PBS offices in Moline after May 21, 2018.

Top 16 local winners

Four winners from each grade will be selected to receive cool prizes at a celebration in May. All winners may appear on-air, in a group promotional spot, which will air during WQPT PBS KIDS® programs.

Contest deadline

Stories must be received by Friday, March 30, 2018.

Stories may be mailed or delivered to WQPT, 3300 River Drive, Moline, Illinois. Winners are typically notified the end of April.

Get all the details

Find the Official Entry Form, Guidelines, Activity Sheets and more online at wqpt.org/storycontest



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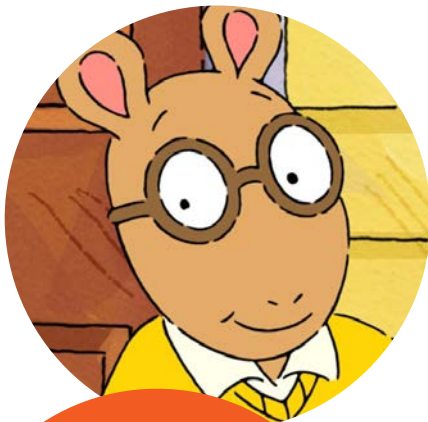
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General Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted; all subsequent entries will be disqualified.
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Stories can be fact or fiction, and prose or poetry.
- **Complete details may be found at wqpt.org/storycontest.**



If you could write a story about anything, what would you write about?



Word Count

- Kindergarten and first grade stories must have a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 200 words.
- Second and third grade stories must have a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 350 words.
- The word count includes “a,” “an,” and “the,” but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page or those that enhance the illustrations.
- Text must be printed or written legibly or typed.
- Children who cannot write may dictate their story to be printed, written legibly or typed.
- Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on separate pages.
- Non-English text must be translated on the same page and the translation text must adhere to word count.
- Invented spelling is accepted.

Format & Illustrations

- Stories must have at least 5 original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- Original art can include drawings, collages and 3-D created by the author or photographs taken by the author.
- Stories must be created on one side of the paper and numbered on the back of each page.

Official Entry Form

- Each entry must include the official PBS KIDS Writers Contest entry form, with the required signature of a parent or guardian (and, if appropriate, the optional signature of the sponsoring teacher), confirming that the story and art are original.
- The entry form must be complete and legible.

Need Assistance?
Call WQPT at 309/764-2400.

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