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**CONTEST IN FILM-BASED ESSAY WRITING**  
**FOR SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND 1 YEAR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:**  
**Watch Reflectively, Research Virtuously, Think Critically, Write Creatively!**  
**Dedicated to the 100th anniversary Sumy State Pedagogical University named after A.S.**  
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**Year 2024 Problem Area: The Role of Humanistic Values, Social Progress and Equality in**  
**Science and Technology Development**

**Year 2024 Film-Club Base: “Hidden Figures”.**  
**The Suggested Essay Topic: The Link Between The Society’s Scientific and Technological**  
**Success and The Recognition of Diversity.**

*Creative competition in critical writing*  
*on exploring the role of humanistic values, social progress and equality*  
*in scientific development and technological advancements of the society*  
*through the use of imaginative and innovative writing.*

**Dear friends! We invite you to participate in this contest and showcase your critical**  
**thinking, research skills and creativity, your commitment to values of humanism and scientific**

**progress, to inspire others with your words, and to leave your own unique signature on the ever-evolving world of science and technology!**

**Can films really change the audience's mind? Can films be the driving force for social change? Can humanistic values give a strong for the society's scientific development?**

**Join our Film Club and take part in our Contest to think about it together!**

### **EVENT DETAILS.**

**The aims of the Contest are:**

1. Encouraging critical thinking, reflection, creativity and imagination. The contest aims to inspire participants to watch reflectively think critically and write creatively, to use their intellect and imagination to model bringing advanced social and scientific concepts to life through the medium of creative writing.
2. Fostering an appreciation for the humanity's progress (social, scientific, technological). The contest aims to promote values of humanism and democracy, to foster an appreciation for progress by showcasing the wonders and benefits of these fields through the power of creative writing.
3. Promoting scientific literacy. The contest aims to promote scientific literacy by encouraging participants to watch, reflect, learn, research and write about the latest scientific and technological advancements in a way that is engaging and accessible to a wider audience.
4. Motivating watching authentic films to learn English. The contest aims to reveal the potential of authentic films to build up the English language and culture competence, to widen horizons and think globally.
5. Showcasing talent. The contest aims to provide a platform for emerging writers to showcase their talent and creativity in the field of creative writing on topics related to the society' future, progress, development.
6. Providing recognition and rewards. The contest aims to recognize and reward outstanding writing on the suggested issue, providing an incentive for participants to strive for excellence in their writing.

**To participate in the Contest** you are to be a student (pupil) of a senior secondary school or a first year university student.

There are **key priorities in the Contest:**

- Watch reflectively.
- Research Virtuously.
- Think Critically.
- Write Creatively.

**To successfully perform** in the Critical Writing Contest follow these Steps:

1. Understand the theme. Make sure you fully understand the theme and problem area of the contest. This will help you to focus your writing and ensure that your entry is relevant to the competition.
2. Understand the task. Write an essay on the topic suggested – a 250 words piece of writing that is original, creative, engaging, well-reasoned and scientifically relevant, supported with 2-3 cites (with references the sources).
3. Study the film basis. Work with the film-club session suggested (watch the episodes, reflect on the information presented and problems covered, do the tasks, respond to the questions, formulate your ideas, share them with other participants).

Year 2024 film basis is the film “Hidden Figures” with suggestion to think on the topic: “The Link Between The Society’s Success and The Recognition of Diversity”.

4. Formulate the topic. Year 2024 Topic Area is: “The Role of Humanistic Values, Social Progress and Equality in Science and Technology Development”. The Film-Club Base is the authentic film “Hidden Figures” (2016). You can choose the topic of your own that falls in line with the suggested Year Topic Area.

The suggested Essay Topic is: “The Link Between The Society’s Scientific and Technological Success and The Recognition of Diversity”.

5. Make the research and think critically. Take time to watch the full version of the film, to work with the film-club assignments and episodes, identify the main ideas and messages. Reflect on the session, consider the problems the film club session brings into the focus of your attention. Research the latest advancements in your chosen area of focus, search for the information to cite in your essay (some supporting facts, scientific data, specialists’ opinions or prominent people’s ideas and words on the problems, etc.). Be virtuous and careful with citing the information and giving references to the sources used in APA Citation Style (see: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PJQoAYHaXslEGjVPDBFxFxSq6oRZCp4Ax3/view>). This will help you to create an informed, accurate and original piece of writing, that is in some way related to the film suggested.

6. Plan your writing. Before you begin writing, take some time to plan out your piece. Consider the structure, style, and tone you want to use, and decide on the key points you want to make. Write a plan for your essay. This will help you to create a well-organized and cohesive piece of writing.

7. Showcase your creativity. Don’t be afraid to take risks and be creative with your writing. Use descriptive language, vivid imagery, and unique perspectives to bring your piece to life.

8. Follow the guidelines. Make sure you carefully read and follow the guidelines and rules of the contest. Pay attention to the word count, formatting, and submission deadlines to ensure that your entry is eligible for the competition.

9. Write the draft. Write the first draft and seek feedback from others to help you improve your skills and enhance your creativity.

10. Edit and revise. Once you have finished your first draft, take some time to edit and revise your work. Look for areas where you can tighten your writing, eliminate unnecessary words, and improve the overall flow of your piece. The more you write, the better you will become!

11. Share your ideas and creativity with the world! Once finished, submit your story to [gerfil@sspu.edu.ua](mailto:gerfil@sspu.edu.ua) with the subject “Film-Based Writing Contest” and the filled application, the template is attached.

**Deadline: April 1, 2024.**

**Заявка**

**на участь у КОНКУРС ТВОРЧОГО ПИСЬМА ЗА ФІЛЬМОМ ДЛЯ  
СТАРШОКЛАСНИКІВ:**

**Переглядай рефлексивно, досліджуй віртуозно мисли критично, пиши креативно!  
(англійською мовою)**

<b>ПІБ</b>	
<b>Клас/ курс</b>	
<b>Заклад освіти</b>	
<b>Контактні дані: телефон, e-mail</b>	
<b>Назва роботи, що подається на конкурс</b>	
<b>Дозвіл на публікацію роботи (так/ні)</b>	