FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE CULTURE HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

Question: Describe a notable French/Francophone figure such as a sports person, a president of a French-speaking country, a famous artist, singer, or actor. Make sure to mention if they are still living or not, their upbringing, their most notable accomplishments and how/why they made a mark on their country. To what extent did this person influence your life?

Contest Entry Deadline: October 21, 2019

Entries are reviewed and judged by Alliance Française d’Atlanta.

Entry to this contest constitutes permission that Alliance Française may display entries on its website, social media, in Alliance Française communications, and local newspapers.

Prize:
Cash Prize of $250
+ Annual Membership to cultural organization of your choice

Questions? Email us at Outreach@afatl.com

What is Alliance Francaise?

Since 1912, Alliance Française has been Atlanta's premier provider of French culture and language. We have 2 convenient locations in Midtown and Roswell. We offer French language classes for children, teens and adults as well as monthly cultural events around Metro Atlanta.
For more information, visit our website at afatl.com
1. Who Can Enter?

The Contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in a public or private high school in the Metro Atlanta area. It is not limited to students who take French as a foreign language. It is intended to reach out to all students, especially students in art, music, world history, fashion, literature, environmental science, hospitality, and other classes who learn about French & Francophone culture. It is an opportunity for all students to write essays expressing their views on French & Francophone culture in their daily lives. This contest is also in line with achieving the high school International Skills Diploma Seal.

2. How to Enter?

Essays should be in English and 700-800 words in length. They should be typed and submitted online directly to the Alliance Française Roswell Office at Outreach@afatl.com no later than the Oct 21, 2019 contest deadline. Only one submission per student. Write your own essay - it must be your own original work. Include a title and the completed Signature Page so we can contact you if you win.

3. Judging Criteria:

Content (35 points): The essay should show a clear understanding of the question, and should draw on relevant, real-world examples to support its main point. The best essays will incorporate personal experiences and insights to support the ideas expressed about French and Francophone culture. While research is not required, it may be useful to include facts and information from sources such as the news media, popular culture, or the creative arts.

Originality (35 points): Students are encouraged to think and write creatively about the question. The most interesting essays will be those that attempt to answer the essay question in a way that reflects original insights and ideas.

Writing (30 points): All essays should be well organized, clearly written, and thoroughly checked for style and grammar. Students should utilize a writing style that is appropriate to the topic of their essays.

4. Dates and Deadlines:

October 21, 2019 at midnight. Winners will be announced the week of December 2, 2019 on our website www.afatl.com and will be contacted separately.
By submitting my essay and by typing in my name on the signature line below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contest rules, and I certify that I am the sole author of the attached essay and that I have only entered the competition once yearly. I further understand that Alliance Francaise retains non-exclusive rights to use my essay in the promotion and execution of the organization’s programs and activities.

Signature of Student Participant                                                                 Date

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Student's Full Name

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High School Name and Grade

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Student Phone

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Student Email

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TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT’S PARENT/GUARDIAN (required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian’s Full Name

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature                                                                 Date

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Parent/Guardian’s Daytime Phone

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Parent/Guardian’s Email

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