**FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE CULTURE MIDDLE SCHOOL VISUAL ART CONTEST**

**Question:** Portray 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 $150 + Annual Membership to cultural organization of your choice

Questions? Email us at Outreach@afatl.com

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**What is Alliance Française?**

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 6-8 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 interested in art, music, history, fashion, literature, environmental science, etc. who learn about French & Francophone culture in their classes. The contest is an opportunity for all students to create a visual art piece expressing their views on French & Francophone culture in their daily lives.

2. How to Enter?

- Make your visual art piece however you wish. Be creative! Its size should be between 8"x11" and 12"x16". Take a photo of your piece. You must create your own visual art piece, and it must be your own original idea and work.
- On a separate sheet of paper, write the title of your piece and a 50-100 word paragraph describing your work and how it relates to the contest question.
- Complete the Signature Page so we can contact you if you win.
- Submit the photo of your work, your title and description of your visual art piece, and your Signature Page online to the Alliance Française Roswell Office at Outreach@afatl.com no later than the Oct 21, 2019 contest deadline. Only one submission per student.

3. Judging Criteria:

Content (50 points); The visual arts piece should express a clear understanding of the question. Whether you choose collage, photography, graphic design, 3D, painting, or drawing or any combination, etc., answer the contest question. Your piece will not primarily be judged on artistic talent, but on personal expression. Whether simple or complex, the best pieces will incorporate personal experiences and insights about French culture.

Originality (50 points); Students are encouraged to think creatively about the question. The most interesting pieces will be those that attempt to reflect the contest question using personal insights and ideas. Be original! Be creative! Be bold!

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 visual art piece 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 visual art piece and that I have only entered the competition once yearly. I further understand that Alliance Française retains non-exclusive rights to use my visual art piece in the promotion and execution of the organization’s programs and activities.

Signature of Student Participant: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Student’s Full Name: ____________________________

Middle School Name and Grade: ____________________________

Student Phone: ____________________________

Student Email: ____________________________

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

Parent/Guardian’s Full Name: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Parent/Guardian’s Daytime Phone: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Email: ____________________________