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Course Description

A620 A & B Scholastic Writing Contest Workshop

7th Grade – 11thGrade

We have been helping students compose and prepare work for the Scholastic Writing and UIL writing contest since 2016. Our students have gained unprecedented regional and national recognition in the writing contest.

In 2022, our students earned 6 gold keys, 7 silver keys, and 4 honorable mentions in the regional category, as well as a national gold, best-in-grade award (only two are awarded in the entire grade), and national silver. Our center has received the “Scholastic Educator Award.”

In the following two workshops, students discuss, share, and develop their own original works. Our instructors emphasize on completing and polishing works that students are proud to submit.

A620_A Scholastic Contest Writing Workshop: Non-fiction, Journalistic, and Academic Writing

In this course, we will examine the types of essays that win in the non-fiction categories of the Scholastic Contest, and explore what makes for compelling non-fiction. We will work on developing ideas into essays, learn techniques for impeccable research, craft gripping openings, how to lead readers to an accurate conclusion, and how to write for a general audience. We will also cultivate grammatical and lexical skills, expanding our knowledge of the written English language. Student papers will be given notes for revision with both teacher evaluation and peer reviews to give a broader idea of what works best with a diverse group of readers.