



Annual Writing Contest

TOPIC: Respect in Today's Society

Many recent events in our world show us that basic human values of "being kind to others" and "respecting others as you wish to be respected" are threatened by the language and imagery used in political campaigns, cyber-bullying in schools, and by violence at public gatherings.

Many famous people have commented on what respect meant to them:



"We must build a new world, a far better world—one in which the eternal dignity of man is respected."

President Harry Truman

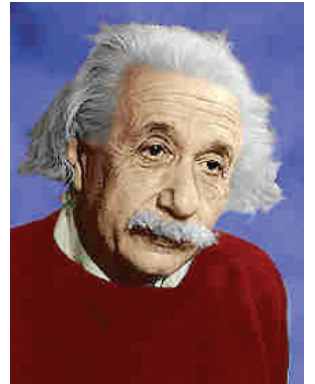
"I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me. All I ask is that you respect me as a human being."

Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play Major League baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.



"I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university."

Nobel Prize-winning physicist Albert Einstein



ESSAY CONTEST QUESTIONS

Think about your school or community. Do you witness your friends or adults exhibiting respect for each other? Do you see evidence of disrespect and a lack of appreciation of the other person's humanity? Are the people you see around you kind to one another? Are some people mean and uncaring? Do they bully other classmates or use the internet to spread cruel, vicious rumors?

CONTEST ASSIGNMENT

Write an essay (limit 500 words) about how you define "respect." Do any of the quotes above help focus on your definition? You may relate your definition to yourself, your family, your school or community. Provide evidence or personal experience to support your thesis.

CONTEST RULES

- ★ Open to all Palm Beach County Public and Private Schools — Grades 6- 12.
- ★ Palm Beach Fellowship reserves the right to publish all entries.
- ★ Entry form must be typed or printed in ink, signed and attached to the entry.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- ★ Aim for clarity, focus, and creativity.
- ★ Open with a strong statement that focuses on your interpretation of the word "respect."
- ★ Give 3 or 4 reasons why your evidence or experience supports your meaning of "respect."
- ★ Describe how you can be more respectful to yourself, your family, your school and your community.
- ★ Proof your work! Spelling, grammar and syntax count. Your essay will be judged on these elements as well as your creativity, your examples or evidence, and your understanding of the word "respect."

PRIZES!!

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place winners will be announced in the Middle School Category and in the High School Category.

All winners will receive a valuable **Tourneau Wrist Watch** at an **Awards Program in Palm Beach** with their teacher, parents, and principal.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 10, 2011.

For more information, e-mail fellowship36@att.net or call Karen Davis at **561-833-6150**

Complete form and attach to entry ✂

Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews Annual Writing Contest

ENTRY FORM

Student Name: _____

School: _____

School Principal: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: FL Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Mail or Deliver Entries To: Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews, 139 N. County Road, Suite #36, Palm Beach, FL 33480

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