

SAROYAN

WRITING CONTEST 2022

Presented by the William Saroyan Society in association
with the Fresno County Public Library and the
Fresno County Office of Education

Students

1st - 12th grades may apply

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2022

WINNERS

1st place \$100 each
2nd place \$75 each
3rd place \$50 each

3 DIVISIONS

1st-5th grade
6th-8th grade
9th-12th grade

THEME

"One picture is worth a thousand words.
Yes, but only if you look at the picture and
say or think the thousand words."

WILLIAM SAROYAN

CONTEST DETAILS

HOW TO SUBMIT |

For online entry: Fill out online entry form, upload
work and submit at:

williamsaroyansociety.org/writingcontest

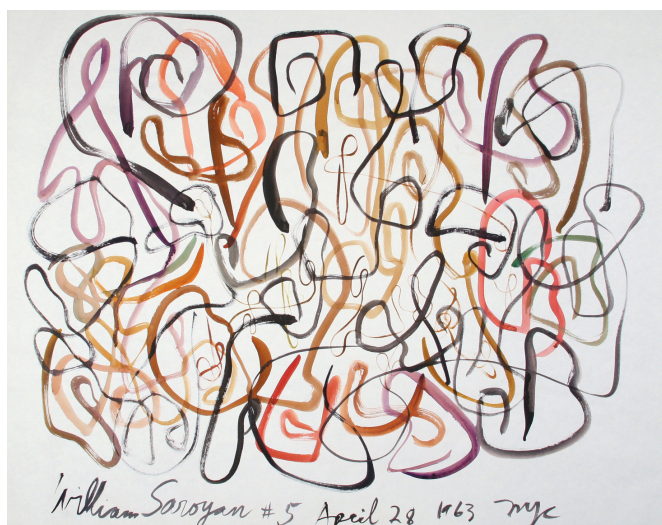
For mail-in entry: Download and print entry form at:

williamsaroyansociety.org/writingcontest

Mail to: **P.O. Box 4606, Fresno, CA 93744**

AWARDS | First, second and third place will be
selected in each grade division. Prizes will be
awarded at an awards ceremony. Details of
ceremony TBA.

NOTIFICATION | When judging is concluded,
winners and their schools will be notified.



As you write, reflect on this "picture" or abstract
painting by William Saroyan—and *write* the words that
you think or want to say.

WRITING PROMPTS

1ST - 5TH GRADE | Write a paragraph that explains
what you think, feel, or imagine when you look at the
painting. Describe what it is in the picture that makes
you feel or think this way. What colors and shapes did
the artist use? Describe some of these traits to explain
your opinion.

6TH - 8TH GRADE | When you look at this picture,
what story do you think Saroyan was trying to tell? Use
your imagination and be as descriptive as possible.
Write a narrative telling the story of this painting.

9TH - 12TH GRADE | Contemplate the selected work
by Saroyan, then write an expository essay discussing
what you believe to be the message of the piece. Does
it reflect a struggle, obstacle, or hardship we encounter
in society? Does it ask a question, or inspire hope? Use
your imagination and be descriptive with your idea.

To view/enlarge the painting and access educator resources, visit:

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