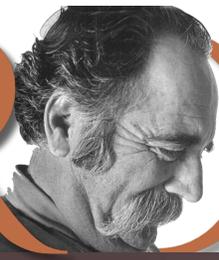


SAROYAN



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."

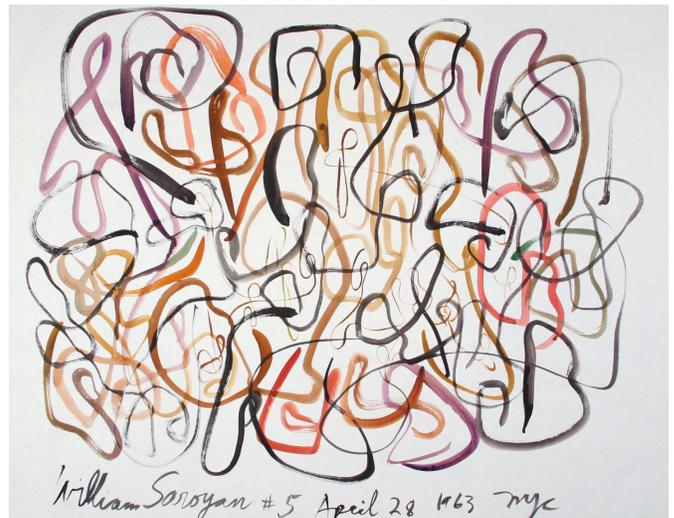
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CONTEST DETAILS

HOW TO SUBMIT | Fill out the entry form and submit your work online at:
williamsaroyansociety.org/writingcontest

AWARDS | First, second and third place will be selected in each grade division (1st-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th). 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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