



2016 Poetry Contest "Legacy"

Buffalo Dusk

The Buffaloes are gone.
And those who saw the buffaloes
are gone.
Those who saw the buf-
faloes by thousands
and how they pawed the prairie
sod into dust with their hoofs,
their great heads down pawing on
in a great pageant of dusk,
Those who saw the buffaloes are
gone.
And the buffaloes are gone.

Carl Sandburg

From Smoke and Steel, 1920

Your students are invited to submit a poem to Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site's annual Student Poetry Contest. The contest encourages youth to explore writing their own poetry, and is open to students nationwide!

- Submissions are accepted from grades 3-12 and must be postmarked by March 11, 2016.
- See reverse for submission rules

Official 2016 Contest Rules

Theme

The legacy of Carl Sandburg is preserved and protected by the National Park Service, because he left a lasting impact on the nation with his writing. This year the NPS celebrates its 100th anniversary of protecting and preserving the stories and places of our nation, and leaving a legacy for future generations. We invite you to think about what Legacy means to you. What is worth remembering, preserving, protecting, sharing? Write a poem that expresses what in your life (i.e. family, a special place, a favorite toy or game, etc) is so special that you want to preserve and protect it for the future.

Submission Rules

- Poetry accepted from 3-12th grades only.
- Poems must be submitted by a teacher; homeschool teachers included.
- No more than three poems per classroom (each from a different student).
- Poem will be judged on its ability to communicate the theme.
- Poem can be written in any style, but must not exceed one-page in length. No illustrations.
- Poems must be typed, no handwritten entries.
- Do not place any identifying information (name, school, grade, etc...) on poem.
- Submission form:
 - Paperclipped to poem, no staples
 - Must be signed by parent, student and teacher
 - Include title of poem so we can identify the author

Submissions must be postmarked, faxed, or hand-delivered by Friday, March 11, 2016

If you have any questions regarding the Student Poetry Contest, please contact Ginger Hollingsworth-Cox, Education Program Coordinator at (828) 693-4178 or by e-mail at ginger_hollingsworth-cox@nps.gov.

Judging

Judges from the literary community will make the decision for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place within each grade category (3-5th, 6-8th, 9-12th)

Visitors to Carl Sandburg Home NHS during March 18-April 1, 2016 can cast a vote for their favorite poem within each grade category; poems with the most votes at the end of the voting period will win a People's Choice award.

Winners will be notified by Friday, April 1, and will be invited to present their winning poem at a special reception on Friday, April 8th, 2016.

Poetry Partners

The 2016 Poetry Contest is a result of tremendous community support including the Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara and the North Carolina Poetry Society members who serve as judges. Thank you.

Poetry Resources

You may also find curriculum resources to use in the classroom at the park's website: www.nps.gov/carl/forteachers



Send Submissions to:
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Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731

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