



Friends of The Library 2024 Writing Contest

Topic: Alternate Ending

Select ONE book from the list below and persuade your audience to consider an alternate ending. Explore how the alternate ending would affect the characters, environment, etc.

- *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
 - *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
 - *Alas, Babylon* by Pat Frank
 - *Paper Towns* by John Green
 - *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

This is a persuasive essay and *not a narrative*. Be creative, but stay convincing with your argument. **Each entry should include a thesis statement, a body to support the thesis, and a conclusion that is a summation of your overall argument.**

Who May Enter

The contest is open to all public, private, and homeschooled high school students in Mobile County, grades 9 - 12.

Contest Guidelines

- Persuasive Essay
- 500 min - 750 max Word Count
- Include Word Count
- PDF File Format
- Times Roman 12 pt Font
- Double Spaced

How to Submit

- Complete registration form [here](#):
- Email essay to FOLMobileWritingContest@gmail.com
- Include FOL Writing Contest, Name, and Grade in subject line
- File name should be as follows:
firstname_lastname.pdf

Deadline and Announcement of Winners

The contest will start Tuesday, September 3rd. All entries must be received by Friday, October 25th, at 5 pm. Winners will be announced the first week of December.

Awards Ceremony

Writing contest winners will be presented with their award at the Friends of The Library Annual Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2024 at the West Regional Library in Mobile.

Prizes

- First Place \$100
- Second Place \$50
- Third Place \$25
- First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded to students for each grade level.

For questions or more information email FOLMobileWritingContest@gmail.com or message the Friends of The Library on Facebook.