



The 6th Annual RED WHEELBARROW Creative Writing Contest
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Deadline: 1 April 2008
Awards Announced at the Awards Party on May 31st, 2008

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Guidelines:

Please pay close attention to all guidelines listed below. They are there to ensure the qualification of your story.
IF ANY GUIDELINE IS NOT MET, THEN YOUR STORY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. Don't let that happen!

- 1) The Red Wheelbarrow contest is open to all school-aged children (5-18) in Paris and its surrounding suburbs who write in English. The contest is for children enrolled in *Grande section de l'école maternelle* (Kindergarten) through *Terminale* (12th grade/class level or senior year of high school).
- 2) Only **ONE** story per person may be submitted.
- 3) Your story must be original and written by you, with a beginning, middle, and end.
- 4) **NEW!!!** In 2008 stories will **ONLY** be accepted electronically (by e-mail) to save trees. Please include the information listed on the following cover page in the **BODY** of your e-mail message so we can clearly identify your story. Just **COPY** and **PASTE** the lines listed and **FILL IN** your own personal information. Then type your class level in the **SUBJECT LINE** of your e-mail message. (For example, SUBJECT: Red Wheelbarrow Writing Contest Entry, 4th GRADE.) **You MUST include this information.**
- 5) **ATTACH** your story to the e-mail as a **DOCUMENT/TEXT** file with the **TITLE** of your story as the name of the file – **DO NOT** type your name anywhere on the story. We **MUST** receive an anonymous copy of the story itself attached to your e-mail, or it will be rejected. When we receive your entry, we will send you a *return confirmation of receipt*. If you do not receive this confirmation, we may not have received your story. So be sure to double-check!
- 6) No hand-written stories will be accepted; if you can't type, please have someone help you.
- 7) While we love art, please do not illustrate your stories. This is a writing contest only. Stories with art or wild type and colors will be disqualified.
- 8) Stories must be TYPED 12 POINT **TIMES NEW ROMAN** or **COURIER**, and DOUBLE-SPACED. Be sure to follow the formatting guidelines in the attached WRITING SAMPLE and TYPE your story, with one-inch margins, EXACTLY like in the sample.
- 9) Stories should be fresh and written after 2 September 2007.
- 10) If you must use sensitive language, please use symbols to represent this (i.e., &#\$%); otherwise your story risks being rejected. All ages read the winning stories. Thanks for your understanding.
- 11) Story word length limits per grade:
 K-5th Grade (GS through CM2): 750 words MAXIMUM. (If it's longer, it will be rejected.)
 Middle school-High school (*collège* through *lycée*): 1,000 words MAXIMUM. (If longer, it will be rejected.)
- 12) Stories **MUST** be received by 1 April 2008. Stories received after 1 April 2008 will be disregarded.
- 13) No work will be returned. Only e-mail submissions will be accepted.
- 14) There is no entry fee.
- 15) Winners are announced at the Awards Party on Saturday, May 31st, 2008. Authors are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend.
- 16) Questions? Please contact RWContest@scbwifrance.com

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COVER PAGE INFORMATION

*Please **COPY** and **PASTE** the lines below in the **BODY** of your e-mail message and **FILL IN** your personal information so that we can clearly identify your story. **ATTACH** your **STORY** to the message as a document with the **TITLE** of your story as the file name and **DO NOT** TYPE your name anywhere on the story.*

*We **MUST** RECEIVE an anonymous copy of your story attached to your e-mail.*

- Story Title:
- Word Count (total number of words in the story):
- Number of Pages:
- Author's Last Name:
- Author's First Name:
- School that author attends:
- English teacher's name:
- Grade/class level in which author is enrolled:
- How old author is on 1 April 2008:
- Postal address:
- Postal Code:
- City:
- **Email Address:**

Please type YES or NO in response to the following questions:

On your honor, did you imagine and write this story yourself?

Parents, do you give permission for the story to be used to promote the Red Wheelbarrow Contest?

Does the parent/guardian of the author give permission for the author's photo to be used to promote this contest?



(Title here on each *following* page) - Page 1

About 750 or 1 000 words

(depending on your class level)

SAMPLE: STORY TITLE

(center the SAME title you put in the body of your e-mail message and type it here)

DO NOT TYPE YOUR NAME or CONTACT INFORMATION on the story!

Tab in once from the left of your page and then start typing your story. Use TIMES NEW ROMAN or Courier as the font for your story. Be sure to double-space your story so it is easy to read. Be careful with spelling and punctuation! Use one-inch margins on the left-hand and right-hand sides of the page, and one inch margins on the top and bottom too.

Be sure to include the TITLE, the PAGE NUMBERS, and the NUMBER OF WORDS of your story at the TOP of EACH PAGE, as you can see above. If your story is too long, it can't be accepted for the contest. Check the maximum amount of words allowed for your class level on the main page of the GUIDELINES.

Include a beginning, middle and end to your story. Be creative! Be true to your own voice, and above all, HAVE FUN! If you are still unsure how to format your story, please go to www.scbwi.org/pubs.htm and click on [SCBWI Publications](#). Then click on *From Keyboard to Printed Page: Facts You Need to Know*. There, you'll find everything you need to know about formatting your story and manuscript.

Most importantly, have fun writing!

Only readers become writers, so read one thousand books and write, write, write. That's what writers do: write. Use your imagination. It's the greatest! And remember your spelling and you'll do swell!

We can't wait to read your story!

THE END