



## Annual Remembrance Day Literary Contest

### Rules and Regulations



The Literary Composition, part of the Legion's Youth Program, is meant to foster an understanding of the sacrifices made on our behalf by many young men and women in World Wars I and II, and the Korean War. To this day, many brave young men and women put their personal security at risk in the name of peace and humanity in places like Bosnia, Cyprus, Haiti, East Timor, Afghanistan, etc.

The entry may be in the form of a poem or an essay.

#### **When are the contests held?**

Contests are held each year just prior to Remembrance Day by local Legion branches throughout Ontario Command. Winners of local contests have the opportunity to compete against other branch level winners at zone level, zone winners participate at district level, district winners at provincial level and provincial winners then compete at the Dominion or national level.

#### **Categories**

The contest is divided into three categories:

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| <b>Senior</b>       | - Grades 10, 11 and 12 |
| <b>Intermediate</b> | - Grades 7, 8 and 9    |
| <b>Junior</b>       | - Grades 4, 5 and 6    |

#### **What can I write about?**

The subject matter is remembrance. The writer's work should inspire or reflect upon remembrance.

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Candidates will submit an essay and/or poem based on the subject of **REMEMBRANCE**.

Entries may be printed, written, typed, computer generated, etc.

1. Entries may be submitted in English or French.
2. Candidates will use only one side of an 8 ½" x 11" page.
3. Entries will be marked on the basis of originality of thought, expression, presentation, grammar, spelling and Canadian content.
4. Each candidate to state clearly on a separate registration form his or her name, address, age, grade, name & address of school, and local Legion Branch so that it remains on the entry.
5. Poems cannot have more than 32 lines (excluding title) and Essays cannot have more than the word count stipulated for each age group (excluding title).

	<b>Essay (words)</b>	<b>Poetry (lines)</b>
<b>Category 1</b>		
Senior (Grades 10, 11 & 12)	800	32
<b>Category 2</b>		
Intermediate (Grades 7, 8 & 9)	500	32
<b>Category 3</b>		
Junior (Grades 4, 5 & 6)	350	32

6. Students may enter both the Essay and Poem contests, but may submit only one entry for each category.
7. All entries are to be submitted to their local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.
8. Students who have been out of the educational system at any time for more than two years are ineligible to compete in the Literary contest at any level.

## Essay Judging Guidelines

<b>ORIGINAL THOUGHT</b> <b>40%</b>	Is the material fresh? Does it have a sincere ring? Does it reflect a student's view?
<b>EFFECTIVENESS OF PRESENTATION</b> <b>30%</b>	Is the material presented dramatically? Does it sustain interest? Does it make a point? Is it too long? <b>No more than 800 words for Senior Essay, 500 words for Intermediate Essay or 350 words for Junior Essay</b>
<b>CLARITY OF LANGUAGE</b> <b>15%</b>	Is the language simple, direct? Is it expressed logically?
<b>COMPOSITION</b> <b>15%</b>	Are the basic rules of syntax observed? Are the basic rules of punctuation followed? Is the spelling correct?

## Poetry Judging Guidelines

<b>THEME</b> <b>40%</b>	First consider the basic thought. Does it show original thinking? Is the theme presented in exciting manner? Is the theme sustained throughout the poem? (within no more than 32 lines of poetry required by all categories)
<b>EFFECT</b> <b>15%</b>	Does the author succeed in maintaining any special effects? (i.e. staccato rhythm, explosive phrases or imagery)
<b>CLARITY</b> <b>15%</b>	Is the message clear?
<b>PACE</b> <b>15%</b>	Is the pace consistent? Is it dull?
<b>RHYTHM</b> <b>15%</b>	Is the rhythm of words appropriate? Is it natural? Is it exciting?



## Contest Awards

		Branch	Zone	District	Provincial	Dominion
<b>Category 1</b>	<b>SENIOR</b> (Grades 10, 11 & 12)					
	First Prize	See note	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$350.00	\$1000.00
	Second Prize	See note	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
	Third Prize	See note	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	-----

		Branch	Zone	District	Provincial	Dominion
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE</b> (Grades 7, 8 & 9)					
	First Prize	See note	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
	Second Prize	See note	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
	Third Prize	See note	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	-----

		Branch	Zone	District	Provincial	Dominion
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b> (Grades 10, 11 & 12)					
	First Prize	See note	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
	Second Prize	See note	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
	Third Prize	See note	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	-----

### Note:

**Please note that the prize level for the branch level is determined by the branch themselves. Please contact the branch in your school area for their prize level.**

**Please check with your Royal Canadian Legion branch for their deadline for entries into Remembrance Day Poster & Literary Contest.**