



Extracts from previous contests

“Whenever I pay attention my work is of a better standard and I get much more of it right, than when I don’t. This makes me feel “top of the range”. Jaden (10)

“The role of the French Government in African French-speaking countries particularly in Gabon had contributed to the long-term leadership and continuous corruption of President Bongo. Lack of quality leadership of some African countries and the West influenced ongoing corruption. Lisa (11).

“In my opinion all the country that had, have and are still being affected the toxic dumping should come together and found a political party against the toxic material being dumped in countries that are yet not in full control of there country.” Leon (14)

About The Essay Contest

This Essay Contest encourages children to learn, think and write about issues that affect them as children of African descent in Africa and the diaspora.

Judges from across the African diaspora provide valuable feedback to essayists.

This essay contest was set up in 2006 by Lorna Jones to encourage, support and celebrate creativity, talent and excellence in our children.

Essayists have entered from:

Barbados, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Grenada, Nigeria, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leon, South Africa, Uganda, UK, USA, Zimbabwe.

Winners have presented at:

Colourful Radio; London Southbank University, Omega Radio, Web-TV, Word Power, Int’l Women’s Day Celebration



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The Annual Essay Contest for Children and Young People of African Descent



It takes a village to raise a child

Boost self-esteem

Educational development

Practice critical thinking

Improve communication skills

Personal growth and self-expression

Recognise and celebrate success within the community

Public speaking

Encouraging and Supporting Children of African Descent

The purpose of this global annual essay contest is to encourage and support children of African descent across the African diaspora in their educational development.

Contest open to children in three age groups:
7-10 years 11-13 years 14-16 years

Cost: \$8/£5 (developed countries only)

Prizes across all age groups

Critical Dates

Research areas released: 14 October 2017
Essay topics released: 10 February 2018
Essays written: 10 February 2018
Deadline for Essays: 10 February 2018
Judges Feedback due:31 March 2018
Winners Announced: 28 April 2018

Awards Ceremony

At participating venues.
Winners read their essays.



Inviting Essayists

Do you work with children and young people of African descent in Saturday schools, homework clubs, sports groups, cultural groups
aged 7 to 16 years

**anywhere in Africa and the African
Diaspora?**

Age-specific essay topics provided.

Essayists have over three months to research their topic area. All essayists will write and submit their essay on **10 February 2018**.

**Essays welcome in English, French,
Spanish, Portuguese – African languages.**

Register your interest in participating in

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This is a private initiative – not a charity.

Judges Wanted

Be a Judge

- ◆ Read up to 20 essays over a three-week period from the comfort of your home.
- ◆ Marking Criteria provided.
- ◆ Offer positive and constructive feedback.

Qualification:

- ◆ Must be of African descent.
- ◆ Supportive of children of African descent.
- ◆ Have access to email.
- ◆ Register on the Judges Wanted page on the website:
www.lornajones.net

Financial Support

- ◆ 100% African community support.
- ◆ Please contribute to sustain this contest.
- ◆ All amounts welcome.