

## 588 The Writer in You

Jr. – Ages 9-13 as of January 1 of the current year.

Sr. – Ages 14 and older as of January 1 of the current year.

**This project is not eligible for State Fair participation.**

1. Complete the Project Guidelines as outlined on page 3. Depending on the number of projects that are submitted, the categories may be separated into junior (ages 9-13) and senior (ages 14-19) divisions.
2. Do the sample writings and exercises from the book (follow the book's guidelines) and compile in a notebook. If you choose to keep a journal, that can be a separate folder or notebook. Your idea file can also be a separate book or folder.
3. **Submit one "Final Writing" to be judged as your best work.** This final writing is to be your best example of one of the four types of writing discussed in this project: rhymed poetry; free/blank verse poetry; and short story (fiction). Please put this "Final Writing" in the front of your notebook and mark it as such.
4. **Bring your completed project book AND your notebook containing your "Final Writing" AND/OR your journal AND/OR your idea file to the Extension office by close of business on July 2, 2018.** This gives the judge time to review your materials prior to Interview Judging.
5. Use paper no larger than 8½" x 11." It is preferred that entries be typewritten; however, *neat* printing is acceptable. Difficulty in deciphering or reading any part of the project will be reflected in the grade. Poetry may be single-spaced but stories and essays must be double-spaced.
6. You may make an exhibit or poster to bring to Interview Judging if you so choose.
7. The writings will be evaluated on the basis of title, content, grammar, spelling, organization, transitions, conclusion, etc. The interview will be evaluated on the 4-H'ers level of knowledge and skill. The final score will be a combination of these two evaluations.
8. This project can be taken for more than one year as long as the participant submits a different type of "Final Writing" each year and completes the project book and notebook anew. The previous year's work can be included for reference, but all writing exercises, etc. must be done again.
9. Please refer to the General Judging Guidelines for dress code and other requirements.
10. Exhibit in club's fair booth if you and your advisor so choose.

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