

## CREATIVE WRITING DEPARTMENT 27

1. Read General Rules and Static Exhibit Rules carefully.
2. If you have questions regarding the suitability of entries, please contact the Department Chairman.
3. **Exhibitors may make only one entry per Lot, unless an exception is noted.**
4. All Entries must be submitted on 8½"x11" paper, with exceptions as noted in individual lots. **Please do not mat or frame entries!**
5. Entries will be judged on appearance, content, originality, understanding of the writing form for the category, **spelling, punctuation and grammar.**
6. Entries may be typed, computer printed or hand written, and **must be legible!** Keep this in mind when selecting a type font.
7. The entrant's name must not appear on any entries; please cover or remove any such references. Exhibit tags must be attached to the bottom right corner of the exhibit.
8. All entries must be respectful of a 4-H family audience.
9. All entries must be entered on plain white paper unless they are entered in an illustrated category. Illustrations must be hand drawn.
10. If you plan to submit an entry in a language other than English, please note this on your entry form so that arrangements can be made for a judge.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL ENTRIES FOR THIS DEPARTMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED AS STATED IN THE STATIC EXHIBIT RULES.**

***IMPORTANT – Take time to proofread your work! Although content is important, blue ribbons cannot be given to entries with obvious spelling and grammar errors, or if instructions have not been followed. Do not rely on a computerized spell checker to find all mistakes.***

### CLASS A

**POETRY** - Poems in Lots 01, 03, 05 and 06 must be one page and on 8½"x11" paper. Poems in Lots 02, 04 and 07 must be one page and can be as large as 11"x17". Use hand illustrations only. Poems in which words form a shape are considered illustrated. No computer illustrations will be accepted. This includes using a drawing implement to create an image on the computer, or scanning a hand drawing into the computer. Narrative poems focus on telling a story. Lyrical poems focus on rhythm or rhyme.

**Lot 01.** Poem, narrative, no illustrations

**Lot 02.** Poem, narrative, illustrated

**Lot 03.** Poem, lyrical, no illustrations

**Lot 04.** Poem, lyrical, illustrated

**Lot 05.** Sonnet, no illustrations

**Lot 06.** Poem, other, no illustrations. If your poem does not fit in any other poetry lot, enter it in this lot. If you have written your poem in a particular style, please make a note of the style for the judges. Poems that could fit in another lot cannot be entered in this lot.

**Lot 07.** Poem, other, illustrated. Same rules apply as in Lot 06, but include illustrations.

**Lot 08.** Ballad. Entries must be no longer than 3 pages. Illustrations in this lot are optional and do not count as additional pages. All entries in Lot 08 must be entered on 8½"x11" paper, in a folder with a clear cover.

**All entries in Lots 09 - 11 must be submitted on 8½"x11" paper, double-spaced, and in a folder with a clear cover.**

**Lot 09.** Short Story, no illustrations. Write an original story that is your own. It can be a true story or one from your imagination. Entries in this lot must be double-spaced and no longer than 5 pages.

**Lot 10.** Short Story, illustrated. Entries in this lot must be double-spaced, have at least 3 illustrations and be no longer than 8 pages.

**Lot 11.** Personal Essay. Write about something (an event, person, place, animal, etc.) that is (was, or has been) important or significant to you in some way and how you were changed by it. This entry must be no more than 2 pages. An essay is different from a story in that it is less important to follow a narrative, and the focus is more on reflection and discussion of the subject than a description of the subject itself.

**OTHER WRITING STYLES** - All entries in Lots 12, 13 and 16 must be entered on 8½"x11" paper, in a folder with a clear cover.

**Lot 12.** Instructions - Write a description of how to do or make something in not more than 2 pages double spaced. Hand illustrations are optional.

**Lot 13.** Newspaper article - You are the reporter! Write an article announcing a sports, art, or theater event, a restaurant, music or movie review, a description of a tourist attraction or a story of local interest. You can also write about a 4-H event or an article that invites people to join 4-H or come to a 4-H event or the 4-H Fair. Browse through a newspaper for more ideas! This entry must be no more than 2 pages double-spaced, or on one page if newspaper format (multiple columns, single spaced) is used.

**OTHER WRITING STYLES (continued)**

- Lot 14.** Journal. Have you been somewhere that is special? Have you seen or made something interesting? Did you go on an adventure or vacation? Have you been keeping track of a hobby or project? Make a journal by using at least 3 photographs or drawings combined with journal entries. It must be bound or in a folder of some kind. A folder with a clear cover and 8½"x11" paper is not required. Although length is not limited, judges may only read sections of your whole journal if it is long.
- Lot 15.** Advertisement - Invent a product and create an advertisement for it. Write a vacation brochure for your dream vacation. Advertise a service that you could provide. Entry will be judged on the clarity and originality of your product or service. Remember: Do not use any brand names or copyrighted names or designs.
- Lot 16.** Heroes - Do you have a personal hero? Is there someone in your life that is important to you? Tell us about this person and why he/she is your personal hero. Your entry must be no more than 2 pages double spaced.
- Lot 17.** Challenge Lot - 4-H, see the Challenge Lots section.
- Lot 18.** Challenge Lot - Object, see the Challenge Lots section.

**PREMIUMS**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
Lots 01-04, 06-07, 12-13, 15-18	4 PTS	3 PTS	2 PTS
Lots 05, 08-11, 14	5 PTS	4 PTS	3 PTS

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