

Creative or Expressive Arts: Creative Writing

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A notebook binder is required for exhibit. The pages can be 3-hole punched or can be inserted in plastic sheet covers. The exhibit must have a title page and be typed or neatly handwritten. You may continue to build on your notebook through your years in this project, but please use dividers to indicate years.

CREATIVE WRITING PROJECT CATEGORIES

1. **Prose:** Exhibit is a story (fiction or nonfiction), autobiography, biography, essay, journal entry or any other prose piece and a record sheet.
2. **Poetry:** Exhibit is a poem of any length or style and a record sheet.
3. **Children's Story:** Exhibit is a story written specifically for young children including illustrations and a record sheet.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Members will enroll in this project by the grade level they completed immediately prior to exhibiting at the 4-H Fair:
 - a. Beginner- Grades 3-5
 - b. Intermediate- Grades 6-8
 - c. Advanced- Grades 9-12
2. Only one entry or exhibit is required to complete the Creative Writing project. However, 4-H members may choose to have an entry in each of the following three (3) project categories: Poetry, Prose, or Children's Story.
3. All entries are to be handwritten neatly in ink or typed. Typed entries should be double-spaced. No written project is to exceed 3000 words.
4. Children's stories must include illustrations. Illustrations are not required for Poetry and Prose entries but are permitted to enhance your exhibit.
5. All entries must have been written since the previous year's county fair. Work that has been judged in any other writing contest is ineligible for 4-H competition. All entries must be the exclusive work of the 4-H member, NO group projects or collaborations should be submitted for judging.
6. Each entry is to have a title page with the following information: Title, Author, Date, Project Category, Grade in School (just completed), and Club.
7. Each entry is to be bound to keep it neat and clean during judging and display at the 4-H Fair. Use any type of three-hole punched notebook or school report cover available at most department stores. You may decorate the cover, or use a report binder with a plastic front so your title page shows through.
8. Neatness counts. Be sure your project is clean, neat, and organized.
9. Use any tools available to you to present your exhibit in the best possible way. However, don't neglect the most important part of this project“Creative Writing.” The development of your subject into a poem or story, the creative way you express yourself, and the proper grammatical use of words, are more important to the judge than computer printing and expensive laminating and bindings. Make sure you concentrate on the project, before the presentation of it.
10. Double check the order of the paper in your binder.
 - a. Title Page (required)
 - b. Description of poetry form (optional for poetry projects only)
 - c. Your writing project (required)
 - d. Bibliography (give credit to sources only if you researched)
 - e. Author's page – info about the author (optional, permitted for all three categories)

NO STATE FAIR ENTRY