

DUE: Nov. 15

The California Association of Teachers of English presents the

CATE 2010 Creative Writing Contest

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

We often travel the familiar road, the most certain route. However, sometimes we take a road less traveled because our hearts tell us, "You need to step off the safest path. It is time. Don't worry about what others think. Do it because you know it is right for you."

In a short story, essay, memoir, poem, or graphic panels, describe an action you took, not because it was easy and expected, but because your heart told you to take a different direction, and as a result, you arrived at a new destination.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

Awards will be given in the following divisions:

- Grades 3-4
- Grades 5-6
- Grades 7-8
- Grades 9-10
- Grades 11-12
- College

AWARDS:

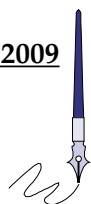
Statewide winners in each category will be published in *California English*.

TO ENTER:

Entries must be judged at the local level before they are eligible for statewide consideration. See local contact below.

DEADLINE: **November 15, 2009**

*Our Local Council
Coordinator*



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RULES FOR THE WRITER:

1. Submit your entry to your teacher.
2. You may submit one of the types of writing listed in the prompt above.
3. Your entry must be word processed or neatly written and then scanned.
4. Your entry cannot exceed five pages.
5. Create a cover sheet that includes: your full name, address, phone number, and grade level in school; and your teacher's full name, school name and address, phone number, school district, and e-mail address.
6. Your entry must be your own work from this school year.
7. Your entry must be edited, proofread, and ready for publication.

RULES FOR THE TEACHER SUBMITTING THE ENTRY:

1. There is a limit of three student entries per teacher.
2. Each entry must be an original work from the current school year.
3. The cover sheet must include: entrant's full name, address, phone number, and grade level in school; and teacher's full name, school name and address, phone number, school district, and e-mail address.
4. If an entry is handwritten or drawn graphically, scan it as a digital file in order to submit it electronically.
5. **Electronic versions (sent via e-mail) are required. E-mail address is listed below. Please write in the subject: CATE 2010 Creative Writing Contest Entry.**

For Your Information: Your piece, if it is chosen as a winner, may be read aloud at a public reading attended by friends and family and/or published in a newsletter or magazine sent to English teachers. Be aware of your possible audience before you select your topic. Make sure you will be comfortable having your personal story presented publicly.