



Jane Austen Society of North America 2004 Essay Contest

Students interested in the life and works of Jane Austen may enter the Jane Austen Society of North America Essay Contest. We are seeking jargon free writing and fresh approaches to Austen. **Contest entries are to be mailed by May 1, 2004.**

How to enter

Your essay of 1200 to 2000 words must be available in a Microsoft WORD 95 (or higher) attachment to email for publication on the web, using MLA notation. It should contain personal, original insight into Jane Austen's artistry, ideas and values. It should not be primarily a research paper. Please also include a statement about the individual or teacher most influential in teaching you to appreciate literature, particularly Jane Austen.

Go here to view and print form to enter the Essay Contest.

http://www.jasna.org/essay_contest_form.html

2004 Essay Topic: The Changing Worlds of Jane Austen

In the changing world that Jane Austen represents in her novels, there is a gradual movement from rural life and inherited estates to increasing urbanization and mobility. Select one of Austen's novels to discuss this change as it affects the construction of the novel, the characters portrayed in the novel, or the themes treated in the novel. This topic was chosen to relate to the theme of the 2004 Annual General Meeting which is "Anne Elliot in the City: Interior and Exterior Worlds".

You may wish to limit your discussion to only one work. Essays should focus on the works themselves, and use plenty of evidence from the text(s). Essays should include/respond to relevant published criticism, but should not focus on other critics' perspectives. Include a Works Cited following the essay.

Contest Categories:

1. High school students (interested, advanced junior high school students may also compete in the high school competition)
2. Full and part-time undergraduate students
3. Full and part-time graduate students

Prizes Per Category:

We will award the same prizes in each of three categories, assuming qualified essays are submitted. (Please note the prizes listed below are for the first and second place Essay Contest Winners. JASNA does not offer any scholarships.)

First Prize

- Free admission and room at the Annual General Meeting in Los Angeles. (We are not able to pay transportation.)

- Publication of essay on the JASNA web site
(Total prize value is approximately \$1000.)
- Public Announcement at the next AGM
- Certificate

Second Prize

- Free membership for one year in JASNA, announcement at the next AGM
- Public announcement at the next AGM
- Certificate

Prize for First Place student's mentor

- Free membership in JASNA, biography on JASNA web site
- Public announcement at the AGM
- Certificate

First place winner may choose the following option to the above prize:

\$750 cash
 Publication of essay on the JASNA web site
 Public Announcement at the next AGM
 Certificate

Go here to view Essay Contest Rules as well as suggestions to assist you in writing the best possible entry for the essay contest. http://www.jasna.org/essay_contest_suggestions.html

Mail form and essay to the address, listed below. Contest entries are to be mailed by May 1, 2004. (The essay will not be returned.)

Please submit four printed copies of your essay as well as a floppy disk containing your entry in Microsoft Word 95 (or higher) format.

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