FLASH FICTION CONTEST

"Writing is the painting of the voice."

Voltaire

Flash Fiction Contest is an international fiction story contest in English promoted by AMCO IBERIA for 5th and 6th grade students.

Participants:

Any student that is enrolled in an AMCO program and currently in their 5th or 6th year of Primary.

Objectives:

1. To develop creative and analytical thinking skills through written task.
2. To develop technical writing skills.
3. To stimulate imagination and develop personal writing style.
4. To offer a safe environment for self-expression, reflection and personal growth through written task.
5. To provide a community and audience to showcase participant work.

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Happy to learn.

Guidelines:

Participants who enter the **Flash Fiction Contest** will be given a writing prompt that they will be able to submit, at the earliest, on **March 18th**. The students will then have until the contest deadline to brainstorm, develop and revise their writing for submission. They must submit the final copy of their work following these guidelines:

- The text must be typed with **Times New Roman, size 12, double spaced, and submitted by PDF**. Maximum 15 MB.
- The text must be between a **minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 1000 words.**
- The text must be submitted with the **title of their work, their name, their grade, their school, and city / town.**
- The text must be **submitted by April 19th** 12:00 p.m.
- The text must be **written by the individual.** Any text plagiarized or, in fact, not produced by the writers themselves, will result in disqualification.

Writing Prompts:

Participants should choose their Creative Writing Short Story from **one** of the prompts below:

1. Create a Bed Time Story.
2. Write a short story using these three words: detective, piano, school.
3. Imagine you get a magic sweater for your birthday. Write a story about what happens when you wear the sweater. What do you do with these new-found magical powers?

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Francisco Umbral.

Evaluation Criteria:

Once the participants submit their work, it will be given to a table of judges of AMCO personnel that will read and evaluate all of the submissions. The submissions will be divided into two categories:

- **Category 1**: Participants enrolled in 5th of Primary.
- **Category 2**: Participants enrolled in 6th of Primary.

Judges will evaluate the submissions keeping three bases in mind:

- **Originality** (40%): Judges will look for original and creative content. The story should be interesting and should catch the reader's attention. The Voice is clear, confident, convincing and consistent.
- **Structure** (30%): Judges will look for a clear structured storyline with sufficient character development as well as a clear introduction, plot and conclusion. The ideas should be organized to support a desired effect, arranged in paragraphs, and the paragraphs should keep a logical order of ideas.
- **Technical Excellence** (30%): Judges will look for the proper use of the English language regarding grammar, punctuation, vocabulary (word choice), spelling, capitalization and sentence structure and fluency. There should be use of a wide range of basic and complex structures and vocabulary; with minimal errors or that the errors do not cloud the meaning. Should be easy to read!

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Let your imagination soar!!

Submission Process:

Participants are required to upload their work by **April 19th 12:00 p.m.** on our Digital Platform submitted by PDF. Click here to submit your short story: http://www.amconews.es/eventos/flash-fiction-contest/

Prizes:

The judges, after reading all submissions and evaluating them based on the given criteria, will select three winners from each Category.

- **First Place**: Smart Pen and Amco gift
- **Second Place**: Amco gift
- **Third Place**: Amco gift

The winners from each Category will be announced on May 6th. AMCO will previously contact the school.