

# Essay Contest

Originated by Mr. Fred Winn who believed deeply in our young people.



**“Does the United States have a responsibility to promote and/or assure democracy throughout the world?”  
Explain & support your position.**

## Judging Criteria:

Winners will be judged on the following criteria, which are listed in order of importance:

- Originality: research is encouraged, but students should present their own ideas.
- Persuasiveness and consistency of the argument and evidence.
- Clarity and logic of the presentation.
- Proper grammar, word choice, spelling & citations (crediting sources).

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# Essay Contest Entry Form:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to the submission requirements. Democrats of El Dorado County shall have the right to use the student's name, photograph and essay submitted in connection with any and all publicity and promotional activities regarding this contest. All entries become the property of the Democrats of El Dorado County and will not be returned. Democrats of El Dorado County accept no liability whatsoever for the loss or non-receipt of student essays. All winners must furnish the Democrats of El Dorado County with appropriate tax documentation (i.e. valid W-9 forms) in order to receive cash awards. All taxes on prizes are the responsibility of winners. The decision of the judges will be final.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and required copies of your essay to:

Democrats of El Dorado County  
P.O. Box 762  
Diamond Springs, CA 95619



**Must be received by no later than January 17, 2012**

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