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DEMOLAY

REGION ONE

NOBLE'S EXCELLENT ESSAY DEMOLAY COMPETITION

DeMolays from New England and beyond are invited to enter the 2021 Noble's Excellent Essay DeMolay Competition. The NEED is a competition that tests a DeMolay's ability to write a persuasive essay instead of giving an oral presentation. Interested DeMolays should write and submit a thoughtful essay inspired by the topic below. This essay contest is designed to develop critical thinking skills by using DeMolay as the foundation for this prompt:



Brotherhood in a Pandemic

Full competition rules are included below. All questions may be sent to NEED@region1demolay.org. All essays must be submitted online through the link on the website ([or this link here](#)). **Essays must be submitted no later than Monday, May 31, 2021.**



Who is Brian Noble?

As a Senior DeMolay from Hingham Chapter, Dad Noble has served the order on all levels from the local chapter to the international stage. He served his home chapter as Chapter Dad before becoming the Director of Conclave for Massachusetts. He has served as the Executive Officer for both Massachusetts and New Hampshire DeMolay. Dad Noble has served DeMolay International as the Congress Advisor twice as well. Along the way, Dad Noble has been honored with multiple distinctions, including the Chevalier, Legion of Honor, and the Grand Cross. He still works tirelessly for the betterment of the order in general, most recently publishing the completely revised and critically acclaimed DeMolay Handbook.

COMPETITION RULES

ELIGIBILITY

- All active DeMolays who have not reached majority by the submission deadline are welcome to participate.
- There are two categories: 10th grade and below and to 11th grade and above.
- DeMolays who have previously won a category will not be eligible for that same category.

FORMAT

- Writers can submit only one essay and must come from the DeMolay alone. If multiple essays are submitted, whether by accident or intention, the first one submitted will be counted.
- Essays should be written in English and represent the DeMolay's original work.
- Essays must be typed. The author's name, chapter, grade, address, and email must be included on a separate cover page and not at the top of each page.
- Submissions must be an original work by the entrant and should be no longer than 1,000 words. This is a maximum word count; if your response to the prompt can be clearly and succinctly communicated in fewer than 1,000 words, that is great. Only the essay itself counts towards this word count. Any headers or titles do not count.
- To help us organize submissions, documents should be named using this format: "LastnameFirstinitial2021". For example, John Doe's submission would be titled, "DoeJ2021". Essays that are not submitted in this format will not be accepted.

SUBMITTING, SCORING, AND AWARDING

- Essays must be submitted through the online submission form. It can be found on Massachusetts DeMolay's website and through the link above. Please do not mail entries. Only essays submitted online through the form will be counted.
- The deadline for Noble's Excellent Essay DeMolay Competition is Monday, May 31, 2021.
- Submissions will be reviewed and scored by the essay committee after the submission deadline has passed.
- Judges will score essays based on the following criteria:
 - Addresses Prompt: The essay effectively considers, either literally or metaphorically, the entirety of the prompt.
 - Persuasiveness: The essay is clear and focused on its message. The reasoning is sound and thorough to persuade the reader.
 - Organization & Structure: the essay is organized and well-structured. The author demonstrates command of grammar, spelling, and mechanics.
 - Originality: The essay uses a highly engaging and personal style, using their unique perspective to convey their message.
- Winners of each category will be awarded a \$300 scholarship prize.
- Once decided, prize winners will be informed via mail, and the results will be posted on Massachusetts DeMolay's website. Unsuccessful contestants will not be notified. Notification will be posted and made no later than July 1, 2021.