



ESSAY WRITING CONTEST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

GRADES 6-8

Contact GIAHA at 912-262-6934 or info@goldenisesarts.org for more information.

The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a local bookstore.

ESSAY QUESTION/TOPIC: In *The Maltese Falcon* and other mystery stories where the plot centers around missing or stolen artwork or treasure, many of the characters are motivated by greed. Is there a moral message about the pursuit of wealth in these stories? If so, what is that message?

Guidelines

1. Essays may be no longer than 750 words.
2. The work must be submitted typed or printed (ink only), double spaced, on one side of the paper only.
3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Submit a cover sheet with the title of the work, student's name, address, phone number, school name, grade level and teacher's name.
4. **Essays must be submitted by Friday, February 24, 2012 by 5:00 pm** to Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association at the Historic Ritz Theatre, 1530 Newcastle Street, Brunswick, GA., 31520.
5. Essays will be judged by a local panel of experts.
6. The winning essay will be announced on or before March 10, 2012.

Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association (GIAHA), in partnership with The Three Rivers Regional Library System, The College of Coastal Georgia and local school systems, is proud to have been chosen once again to participate in this nationwide project. **The Big Read**, launched nationally in 2006 by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), in partnership with Arts Midwest, encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss a single book. Additional partners include McIntosh Art Association and Arts Camden. Local support is also provided by The Brunswick News, and Qantum Communications



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