



Rhode Island 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest 2019-20

Most of us know that Gandhi was a moral and political leader, a nonviolent activist, a humanist, and a pacifist. However, few think of Gandhi as an environmentalist. Yet, he was, as were many of his followers. It is quite amazing that he spoke of environmental problems over a hundred years ago, illustrating his insight and farsightedness. Today, Gandhi's perceptiveness is even more relevant as we become aware of the global environmental crisis. **WRITE A 750 WORD ESSAY FOCUSED ON THE FOLLOWING 3 DIRECTIONS.**

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every person's needs, but not every person's greed.”

1. Explain what you think Gandhi meant by the above quote.
2. Reflect about what the quote means to you personally and to the global climate crisis.
3. Describe examples of how Gandhi's ideas could be applied to your school or community.

Who is eligible to participate?

All RI 8th Grade students who attend public, private, parochial, or home school programs

Awards

- All students receive a certificate of participation
- Finalists, teachers, & family are invited to an awards ceremony in the Spring
- Multiple winners receive cash prizes:
1st - \$100; 2nd - \$75; 3rd - \$50
- Participating teachers receive a poster

Teachers' Submission of Three Best Essays

Teachers select and submit only the three (3) best essays from each class.

Essay Guidelines

See the Center's website for all specific details.

<https://web.uri.edu/gandhiessay/>

Submitting Essays

ONLINE submission directions are provided on the Center's Contest website.

Deadline

Essays must be uploaded by **January 30, 2020**

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The purpose of this contest is to celebrate the life teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and to encourage Rhode Island students in 8th grade to think critically about, personally connect with, and become nonviolent peacemakers in their schools and communities.

