



34th Annual

ZED Creative WRITING CONTEST

Open to All Students in Grades 5-12

IMPORTANT DATES

Writing/Registration Begins
October 19, 2026

Completed Papers Due
November 13, 2026

Judging
December 2026

Winners Announced
January 2027

TOPIC

You finished your
homework and
now it's gone.....

COMPOSITION DIVISIONS

5th – 6th Grade

7th – 8th Grade

9th – 12th Grade

*Separate categories
for Prose and Poetry
in each Division*

AWARDS

- **EXEMPLARY** (Top Authors) in each division and category will receive a journal and a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift Card. Their compositions will be published in the 2026-2027 ZED Creative Writing Booklet and they will receive a copy.
- **HONORABLE MENTION AUTHORS** (80% and above) will receive a journal and will have their compositions published in and will receive a copy of the 206-2027 ZED Creative Writing Booklet.
- **DIVISION WINNERS** in each category will also have their names listed on the Zumbro Education District website.
- **ALL WRITERS** who enter the Creative Writing contest will have their names listed in the 2026-2027 ZED Creative Writing Booklet.