

**SBIA and SEMAH Invite You to Participate in the 3rd
Annual**

ESSAY COMPETITION 2010



Experiencing emotions is a normal part of being human. One emotion that we have all experienced is ANGER.

Please describe a time when you were angry and what steps you took that helped you get through your anger. If you can't think of an example for yourself, can you think of a time when you observed others who were angry and positive steps they took to resolve their anger?

OPEN TO ALL San Francisco Bay Area CHILDREN from AGE 5 to 18

DEADLINE: May 14th, 2010

ESSAY LENGTH: Up to five hundred words/or single page drawing (allowed for 3rd grade and younger participants)

CATEGORIES: (provided that there are sufficient number of entries in each category)
K-1st grade; Grade 1 -3; Grades 4-6; Grades 7-9; Grades 10-12

AWARDS: For each category, the award for first place is \$100, second place is \$75 and third place is \$50, for special award winners \$20 each.

AWARD CEREMONY: Will be delivered in person at the SBIA Masjid on May 29th, 2010 at 5:30pm. All the award winners and their families will be joining us for dinner afterwards.

ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE: (please make sure the handwriting is legible)
FULL NAME, GRADE OF THE CHILD, PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION (e-mail and phone number) and SCHOOL or ORGANIZATION through which your child learned about this competition.

SENT TO: **ALL ESSAYS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL.**

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SEMAH-SBIA Essay Competition 2010

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Guide to Parents and Educators



- Younger children (3rd grade and younger) are allowed to express themselves via drawings or a mixture of drawings and text.
- Please avoid giving extensive instructions or examples to children about what to write. Please avoid influencing their thinking.
- **Criteria for winning selection: Originality of thoughts and explanations; clarity and cleverness of expressions; completeness in addressing all aspects of our prompt.** Qualities that are **not important** in determining the winners: correctness of spelling or grammar; exactness or beauty of hand-writing or drawings.
- **All essay entries MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL**
(SbiaSemahEssay2010@yahoo.com)
- A panel of at least three judges will evaluate each entry individually, and determine the final score of the participant by taking the average of the scores (from 1 to 10, 10 being the highest score). There will be secondary evaluations by other judges should there be a tie.
- Please make sure that **each entry includes FULL NAME** (parents/teachers, please make sure the hand writing can be read so misspellings can be avoided), **THE GRADE OF THE CHILD and PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION** (e-mail or phone number) as well as **the SCHOOL** where the participant has learned about this event (if from the website of SEMAH or SBIA please mention these as “SBIA website” “SEMAH website”).