



RABBI BULKA LITERARY CONTEST RULES

- This contest is open to all students in grades 4 through 12 (Quebec: grade 4 through secondary 5) in the Canadian school system.
- Students who have been out of the educational system for more than two consecutive years are ineligible to compete in the Rabbi Bulka Literary Contest at any level.
- All entries are to be physically submitted to the local Legion Branch.** Please contact the Legion Branch nearest you for their specific deadline date for entries: legion.ca/contact-us/find-a-branch.
- Participants must complete and include an official registration form with their entry. (No staples.) This form is available through your local Legion Branch or online at RemembranceContests.ca.
- Participants 17 years of age or younger must confirm parental permission via their official registration form.
- Entries may be submitted in either English or French.
- Both printed and handwritten submissions must be single sided.
- Entries must not exceed the word or line limit as outlined on the entry form.
SENIOR LEVEL Participants will submit an essay of not more than 800 words or a poem of not more than 32 lines.
INTERMEDIATE LEVEL Participants will submit an essay of not more than 500 words or a poem of not more than 32 lines.
JUNIOR LEVEL Participants will submit an essay of not more than 350 words or a poem of not more than 32 lines.
- A participant may submit both an essay and a poem, but only one entry per category.
- All submissions must be the participant's original work. Submissions that appear to be computer generated, rendered by AI or machine will not be accepted.
- The copying or reproducing of previously published works in whole or in part, without either the written permission from the author/source, or without identifying the author/source in the work, will result in the work being automatically disqualified.
- The work should reflect Remembrance with a Canadian theme. If symbols are used, Canadian symbols shall be pre-eminent. Such national symbols are war memorials, Canadian and provincial flags, coats of arms, and representative flowers, birds, or animals, as well as all forms of Canadian historical and current military dress.

ESSAY CONTEST RUBRIC		
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE		SCORE
Content & Clarity 40%	Does the work adhere to the theme of Remembrance? Does it convey a clear message, or emotion relevant to the theme? Is it cohesive? Does it maintain focus from start to finish?	
Creativity & Originality 30%	Does the work grab and sustain interest? Is it thoughtful, moving, inspiring and/or impactful? Does the content of the work feel fresh and original, or is it presented in an original way? Does it reflect an interesting point of view or experience? Does the author successfully employ any literary devices? (i.e., analogy, allegory, metaphor etc.) Does the work appear to be original, produced by the submitting party, for the intention of the contest?	
Production & Quality 30%	What is the overall quality of the work and level of polish? Does the work read clearly, thoughtfully, and appropriately paced? Are the necessary rules of syntax and punctuation observed? Is it free of spelling and formatting errors or typos? Does it adhere to the word limit?	

POETRY CONTEST RUBRIC		
MAXIMUM POSSIBLE		SCORE
Content & Clarity 40%	Does the work adhere to the theme of Remembrance? Does it convey a clear message, or emotion relevant to the theme? Is it cohesive? Does it maintain focus from start to finish?	
Creativity & Originality 30%	Does the work grab and sustain interest? Is it thoughtful, moving, inspiring and/or impactful? Does the content of the work feel fresh and original, or is it presented in an original way? Does it reflect an interesting point of view or experience? Does the author successfully employ any poetic devices? (i.e., rhythm, form, metaphor, symbolism etc.) Does the work appear to be original, produced by the submitting party, for the intention of the contest?	
Production & Quality 30%	What is the overall quality of the work and level of polish? Does the work read clearly, thoughtfully, and appropriately paced? Is it free of spelling and formatting errors or typos? Does it adhere to the line limit?	

Student Full Name		
Grade	Age	Category
Home Address		
Phone Number		
School Full Name		

Please visit RemembranceContests.ca to review the Official Rules, available by September 1st. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the terms and conditions of the Official Rules and disclosures or other statements contained in any Contest-related materials, the terms and conditions of the Official Rules shall prevail.