



# *I Can Make a Difference!*

## 2021-22 Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center Learning Through Literacy Contest

Teachers, are you looking for a fun, creative way to encourage literacy with your students? Look no further - our annual literacy contest is your solution! This year's theme provides students an opportunity to share how they, someone they know, or someone they read about can or has made a difference, whether it be at school, home, in the community or the world! Students' entries can be focused on such things as (but not limited to): an act of kindness, friendship, good neighbor, cultural acceptance, volunteerism, fund raising or community service.

### Additional Information:

1. There will be no grade bands this year. Instead the top 2 entries from each grade (K-12) will be acknowledged and receive a prize.
2. Entries do not need to be related to a text, only the theme. The story can be about anything demonstrating how the student, someone they know or read about has or can make a difference in our world.
3. Students may submit entries in any format they wish, noting that creativity will be a major factor in scoring. All entries MUST include some form of writing as this is a literacy contest.
4. Each teacher may submit up to 5 entries per class.
5. All entries must be submitted electronically. Any hand drawings or handwritten entries must be scanned and saved as electronic files. Links to entries will also be accepted.
6. The awards ceremony will take place on May 4, 2022 at the North Tonawanda Fine Arts building. We are planning an in-person ceremony but will adjust if circumstances change.

Examples of entries and ideas for apps to use include, but are not limited to: a written narrative with pictures/drawings (Word, Google Doc or Drawings), a picture story with text (Book Creator), a video that includes a written script (Youtube, Flipgrid), a slideshow (Google Slides, Prezi, PowerPoint), a comic strip with text (Adobe Spark, Pixton), an electronic poster (Glogster), a video game (Kahoot), an animated story (Sock Puppet), a website (Google Sites), etc.

**Whatever the format of the entry, creativity is highly encouraged!**

**The submission deadline is March 17, 2022.**

**All entries must be submitted electronically using this [Google form](#).**

### Entries will be scored on the following:

- Content - the story is original and relates to the theme
- Creativity - the format selected to tell the story is creative and took forethought
- Voice - the story is engaging to the reader
- Organization - the story is presented in a logical, sequential manner
- Grammar and Punctuation - text follows all English Language grammar rules

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## SUBMISSION EXAMPLES:

A. Use your Bitmoji to tell a story about the different ways we communicate with our families, friends, and teachers. Suggestions: Story may be created using SnapChat, Google Docs, Google Slides, or Instagram. Link to your story or screen shares of the images may be submitted. [How to create a Bitmoji](#)



B. Use Prezi or PowerPoint to tell your story with slides.

<https://prezi.com/flba-uvptva7/template-creative-stories/>



C. Use your phone, [Edpuzzle](#), [FlipGrid](#), [SeeSaw](#), or [ClassDojo](#) to create a video to tell your story.



D. Use BookCreator to create a book with images, illustrations, videos, and words. [Book Creator sign up for free account](#)



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