

YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS WRITING COMPETITION (YGA)

Congratulations to our 2020 YGA Hall County Finalists! The works from the students listed below move on to the regional competition for the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition.

GRADE	SCHOOL	STUDENT NAME	TITLE OF WORK
K	Spout Springs Elementary School	Birdie Yeager	I Sold Lemonade
1	Riverbend Elementary School	Eden Parker	Helping
2	Spout Springs Elementary School	Skylar Henry	Bliss and Elizabeth
3	Sardis Elementary School	Garrett Dunn	The Glitch
4	Mt. Vernon Exploratory	Aderyn Voyles	The Reef of Risk
5	Wauka Mtn. Elementary School	Miranda Gautier	Helping Ann
6	West Hall Middle School	Christiana Talley	Life in the Warsaw Ghetto
7	North Hall Middle School	Athena Vachtsevanos	Angel Souls
8	World Language Middle School	Ashlynn Hunt	If Anyone Asks I'm Okay
10	North Hall High School	Paul Alexander Witschner	Kyle Beat
11	West Hall High School	Ashley Alcantar Magana	"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep" and <i>Madame Bovary</i>
12	West Hall High School	Emma O'Neal	Resilience

ABOUT THE YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS WRITING COMPETITION

The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors (YGA) writing competition is to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, to provide a context to celebrate their writing successes, and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics.

This prestigious competition has been engaging Georgia students for more than two decades and is open to any student currently enrolled in Georgia public schools, grades K -12. The competition is sponsored by the Georgia Council of Teachers of English (GCTE) with support and cooperation from the Georgia Department of Education.

Each school district chooses a winner from each grade level to compete at the region level through Pioneer RESA. The Hall County School District's representatives are listed above.

Unlike many writing competitions, the YGA does not provide a prompt to which students must respond or provide any other boundaries to their genre choice or creativity beyond a 1900-word limit. Entries may include:

- Short Stories
- Poetry
- Essays /Literary Criticism / Analysis
- Journalism
- Academic Research Reports
- Personal Narratives
- Any other original student writing