

BANNED BOOKS

Fullerton College Library 3rd Annual Essay Contest



essay questions

1. What are the consequences of banning books that some people or groups deem inappropriate?
2. Referencing the book you have chosen, answer the following question: In what way(s) did reading a controversial book liberate you?
3. Using examples from your chosen text, argue for the benefits of reading a potentially controversial book.
4. Explain why you feel the banning / censoring of your selected text was (not) justified for its time.



prize

First: \$200
Second: \$100
Third: \$50



length

500 - 1,000 typed words



due

Friday, October 12, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m.

Contact: Val Macias | vmacias@fullcoll.edu
See other side for very important details.

2018 Banned Books Essay Contest Info

Eligibility:

All currently enrolled Fullerton College students are eligible to participate.

Steps:

1.) **Choose and Read:** Select and read a banned book: A banned book can be defined as, “any book that has been banned, censored, challenged or restricted.” The selected book can be any banned or challenged book. Ask any FC librarian with assistance in selecting or researching a banned book. The book does not have to be from FC Library.

2.) **Write:** Compose a 500 -1,000 word essay answering *only one* of the four essay prompts on the reverse of this flyer using supporting ideas from the banned book of your choosing.

3.) **Proofread carefully:** Faculty from English and other departments will evaluate each essay on the following criteria:

- Organization
- Strength of argument
- Adherence to the prompt
- Supporting details
- Format
- Language mechanics (i.e., grammar, spelling, and punctuation)

Use of the MLA format is encouraged.

4.) **Submit:** Send your essay (.docx or .doc format only) to vmacias@fullcoll.edu with the subject line “2018 Essay Contest Submission” due Friday, **October 12, 2018, 3:00 P.M.** Include your first name, last name, and Banner ID number on the essay. No hand-delivered paper submissions, please. Submissions sent after the posted date and time will not be considered.

Prizes: Three winners (first, second and third place) will be announced on October 22, 2018. The prizes are as follows:

- **\$200 for first place**
- **\$100 for second place**
- **\$50 for third place**

Certificates of achievement will be issued to the winners. Certificates of participation will be awarded to all participants upon request. An essay-reading event to announce the winners is planned for all participants and guests.

Contact: Come talk to any librarian at the reference desk for more details. You can also e-mail Val Macias at vmacias@fullcoll.edu.

Academic Honesty:

Fullerton College’s policy on plagiarism fully applies. Participating students who submit essays are responsible for submitting academically honest work by submitting original written work, with credit given to any sources where required, which includes the full, proper and complete use of citations and works cited pages. Essays with suspected plagiarism will be disqualified.

For more information on Banned Books week, please visit the American Library Association page:
<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned>