

Essay Contest

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Who can participate?

Anybody above 16 years.

Participants are divided into 2 categories:

- 17-34 years
- 35 years and above.

What should I write?

Write an essay on any aspect(s) of the novel you feel has made an impact on you as a reader (characters in the novel, the plot, a certain theme, critical analysis, comparative aspects, etc.)

You can write your essay in English or in Arabic. Each participant can only hand in one essay.

How should I write?

Write not less than 4 A4-size papers and not more than 8 A4-size papers, using 12 pt Times New Roman font with double line spacing. Set the margins of your document to 1 inch on all sides. Create a header that numbers all pages consecutively.

You should write in your own words. In order to avoid any hint of plagiarism that will exclude your essay from the contest, if you use any references, you have to mention them as an endnote (title, author, publisher, publication date, and page).

How should I submit my essay?

Please submit your typed essay in both print and electronic format (MS-Word).

We will receive the print essays at the reference desk of the Entrance level in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, where you will be asked to complete your personal data in a special form.

Electronic essays can be submitted either on CD, or can be sent by e-mail to infobib@bibalex.org.

Participants from outside Alexandria may submit their essay in electronic format only.

When should I submit my essay?

Anytime during library opening hours, from now until June 30th 2009.

What can I win?

For each of the 2 categories mentioned above, there will be 6 prizes:

- 3 prizes for English essays
- 3 prizes for Arabic essays

Each prize will be a certificate and a book.

The finalists will be announced during a ceremony on 13th August 2009.

All eligible essays will be published on the website of *The Big Read*, and the authors will receive a certificate.

In addition to the above mentioned prizes, a prize will be given based on e-voting by readers of the *The Big Read* website.