

St. Louis River Quest 2025

Essay & Poetry Contest

Guidelines



Title/Name/Page #'s	__ I displayed a title, my name & my school at the top of the page and I included page numbers.
Organization	__ My work was organized, showed a clear, main idea, remained on-topic and maintained the reader's attention.
Word choices	__ My vocabulary was precise and vivid; it painted a strong, clear and complete image in the reader's mind. I used adjectives and adverbs.
Techniques/elements	__ My work contained sensory details and figurative language. If a poem: my theme was enhanced by using either rhyme, alliteration, onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors, sound, or other devices.
Language conventions	__ I checked my work for correct spelling, sentence length, grammar & punctuation, allowing for poetic license.
Effort	__ My writing demonstrated that I understood the assignment.
Content/Theme/Ideas	__ My writing included ways that the St. Louis River Estuary affects me & my family, and/or ways that my family and I affect the St. Louis River Estuary. I wove <u>connections</u> between several stations & the information they offered. I <u>did not</u> simply list my memory of some of the stations.

Name: _____ School: _____ Date: _____