

One Book Initiative – Student Contest

The Crossover

by Kwame Alexander

Submission Deadline: February 24, 2017

Theme - The 10 Basketball Rules

The Crossover, by Kwame Alexander, contains **10 Basketball Rules** in poetry form. The poems correlate basketball rules to the game of life, suggesting how to best live our lives in order to obtain the most from life.

Directions:

1. Read and review the 10 Basketball Rules (found on pages 20, 51, 66, 71, 93, 129, 146, 191, 214, & 230).
2. Select 1 – 5 rules from the book to use as a theme, identifying the deeper meaning of the rule(s).
3. Create an original video, song/rap, poem, or essay about the rule(s) deeper meaning, and **how you may apply or have applied to rule(s) to your life.** You may even consider how the rules correlate with the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.
4. When creating your original work, please consider the following criteria: (1) originality; (2) grammar; (3) relevancy to theme; and (4) effective expression.

Guidelines:

1. **Participants:** This contest is only open to 9 – 12 grade students whose schools/classrooms/teachers are participating in *The Crossover* One Book Initiative.
2. **Video:** 30 seconds (minimum) to two (2) minutes (maximum) in length. Submit a DVD or a link to a file (ex. YouTube, etc.).
3. **Song/Rap:** 30 seconds (minimum) to two (2) minutes (maximum) in length. Person submitting the song/rap is to sing/rap and record the song, and submit using a CD or a link to a file (ex. SoundCloud).
4. **Poem:** May be in any form (i.e. free verse, narrative, sonnet, etc.). However, the poem has a 14 line minimum, which will exclude certain types of poems (i.e. Limerick, Haiku).
5. **Essay:** 500 words minimum to 750 words maximum; typed or neatly handwritten.
6. **Content:** Winners will be selected according to the following criteria: originality-20%; grammar-20%; relevancy to theme -30%; effective expression-30%.

Submissions:

1. All entries are to contain: (a) student's name and ID#; (b) name of school; (c) grade level; and (d) name of classroom teacher in which you read *The Crossover*.
2. **All entries are due on or before February 24, 2017.**
3. Submit Entries to:
 - a. Dr. Veronique N. Walker (**Select one (1) of the following options to submit your entry:**)
 - i. **Email:** vrwalker@k12.wv.us; **Subject Line:** **The Crossover Student Contest Submission; or**
 - ii. **Mail:** Berkeley County Schools, Attn: Dr. Veronique N. Walker, 401 South Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.
4. No responsibility can be assumed for lost or late emails or mail. **Entries will not be acknowledged or returned.**

Prizes: All winners will receive a certificate.

1. 1st Place: Samsung Galaxy Tab A 7" 8GB (Tablet)
2. 2nd Place: \$75 Best Buy Educational Voucher
3. 3rd Place: Seven (7) Berkeley Plaza Theater Movie Passes
4. Honorable Mentions: Certificate

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will (1) present their winning entry and (2) receive their certificate and prize at an evening Board of Education meeting. The date of the Board of Education presentation will be announced at a later date.