

# African American Heritage Month 2009

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The City of Los Angeles and  
the African American Heritage Month Planning Committee  
Invite you to participate in this year's

## "Time to Write" Creative Writing Competition

**Purpose:** To celebrate African American heritage and promote greater access to the arts in Los Angeles

**Theme:** "The Movement: Making Your Dreams a Reality"

To participate, it is required that you choose one of the following movements from African American history and connect how the movement has inspired you or how it has affected you personally. For examples of the events or people that have helped shape these movements, please visit the website at [www.aahm.lacity.org](http://www.aahm.lacity.org):

- African American Contributions to the Building of Early American History
- The Role African American's have played in the United States Military
- The Long Road from Slavery to Freedom
- The Civil Rights Movement and The Voting Rights Act
- The Long Fight for Equal Education in America
- African American Influence on Music
- The Role of African American Churches Past, Present and Future
- Dr. Carter G. Woodson: The Father of Black History Month
- From Africa to America: The Diaspora
- The Road to Public Service: 'Those That Came Before Barack Obama'

### Guidelines for Entry:

- No Purchase Necessary to Enter this Contest
- Competition is open to ALL Los Angeles County public and private school students in grades 6-12
- Creative writing must be an original work and not previously published
- Entry can be a poem, a song, a narrative, an imagined story, essay, etc.
- Must NOT exceed one page
- Entry must be TYPED • Handwritten entries will NOT be accepted
- Entries will be judged by representatives of the City of Los Angeles, Time Warner Cable, The Walt Disney Company and other members of the African American Heritage Month Planning Committee. The judges will base their decisions on originality in interpreting the figure or movement chosen; creativity; clarity of the writing; and knowledge of African American History

**Only one entry per person (Previous Heritage Creative Writing winners in calendar year 2008 are ineligible for 1<sup>st</sup> Place)**

### Each entry must have the following information:

1. Title of entry
2. Student's full name & visible grade level
3. Student's home mailing address
4. Student's home phone or cell phone
5. School's name & address
6. Teacher's full name, telephone number & e-mail

### Submit essay(s) to:

Department of Cultural Affairs  
Attn: Youth Arts and Education  
201 N. Figueroa St., Suite 1400  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
email: [dca.yae@lacity.org](mailto:dca.yae@lacity.org)

**Deadline: Entries MUST arrive in our office by 5:00 pm on Friday February 13, 2009 (This is NOT a postmark date)**

**Emailed entries as an attached word document are encouraged. Submit to [dca.yae@lacity.org](mailto:dca.yae@lacity.org)**

### Prizes: All winners will receive tickets to Disneyland

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</u>
Division I: 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Dell Laptop Computer	6 mos Free Road Runner Cable Pkg	3 mos Free Road Runner Cable Pkg
Division II: 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Dell Laptop Computer	6 mos Free Road Runner Cable Pkg	3 mos Free Road Runner Cable Pkg
Division III: 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Dell Laptop Computer	6 mos Free Road Runner Cable Pkg	3 mos Free Road Runner Cable Pkg

Winners will be notified by phone the week of February 16, 2009, further details of the awards ceremony will be provided at this time. The winning student along with their class will be invited to attend an awards ceremony to be held on **Tuesday February 24, 2009**. (Date subject to change.) All winning entries become the property of the City of Los Angeles. The City has the right to reproduce or publish the materials in any medium for current or future use in educational materials and programs. Selection of winning entries by the judging panel is final.

Participants may be required to provide proof of parental consent in form and substance suitable to Sponsor, in Sponsor's sole discretion, in order to be confirmed as a prize winner. The Contest is solely sponsored by the City of Los Angeles. All questions and concerns related to the Contest should be directed towards the City of Los Angeles. The Sponsor has the right to disqualify an entry for any reason. Road Runner prize will only be awarded to the parent or legal guardian of the winner and such parent or legal guardian must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to accept the prize. To qualify for a Road Runner prize, the parent or legal guardian of the winner must qualify for a "standard installation" as defined by the franchise agreement granted by Los Angeles, CA and must sign a standard subscription agreement."

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE COMPETITION PLEASE VISIT [www.aahm.lacity.org](http://www.aahm.lacity.org) or CALL (213) 202-5565 or Email: [dca.yae@lacity.org](mailto:dca.yae@lacity.org)**