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STUDENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

THE ESSAY COMPETITION

Thank you for your registration and enthusiasm for the second edition of IB League! The Essay Competition is your opportunity to unleash your creativity, tackle various perspectives, and take your first steps to becoming students for sustainability.

For participants of the essay writing competition, it is imperative for the submissions to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Maximum Word Limit 999 words
- Exceeding the word limit results in automatic disqualification
- The use of AI is not encouraged as you may lose points for 'originality and depth' and 'creativity'

Now for the awaited moment, we present to you the thought-provoking prompts of the IB League Essay Competition!



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SDG 1 - NO POVERTY

PROMPT 1

You're handed a remote that can fast-forward, rewind, or pause inequality. With each press of a button, you see how time changes poverty, people's attitudes, and societies. What surprising things do you witness? What happens when you accidentally skip the perfect solution by a century? Explore the strange and twisted path poverty takes through time and your struggle to get everything just right.

PROMPT 2

What if poverty were a mythological creature? Describe it and devise a plan to defeat it. Imagine poverty as a mythical beast that roams the world, preying on the vulnerable. Give this creature a name, describe its characteristics, and outline the steps a hero would take to vanquish it once and for all.



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SDG 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

PROMPT 3

We've all heard "the pen is mightier than the sword," but what about the gavel? Explore how these three objects—pen, sword, and gavel—embody different approaches to achieving peace and justice. Which do you believe holds the most power in today's world?

PROMPT 4

Institutions are like sandcastles—sometimes they erode under pressure, and others stand strong against the tide. Rebuild a metaphorical sandcastle of a broken system or government. How would you strengthen it so it stands the test of time?



JUDGING CRITERIA

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As shared earlier, the following are the judging criteria for the Essay Competition event:

- Critical Analysis: To what extent does the essay critically reflect on the underlying challenges and propose insightful solutions concerning the chosen SDGs? The analysis should demonstrate a nuanced understanding of the SDG and its broader impact on society.
- Originality and Depth: How unique and thoughtprovoking is the essay's perspective on the chosen SDGs? The writing should delve into deep, fresh ideas that go beyond surface-level discussion, offering new ways of thinking about the goal and its implementation in the real world.
- Evidence and Research: The essay should be grounded in a factual understanding of the chosen SDGs. Is there relevant research, real-life examples, or compelling data that strengthen the argument? Evidence should enhance the story without overwhelming it's creativity.



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- Clarity: Ensure that the writer's message is effectively communicated to a diverse audience, making it accessible to both those familiar and unfamiliar with the topic. The essay needs to be easy to follow and understand.
- Creativity: How well does the essay use imagination and innovation to express ideas? Creativity is key in drawing the reader in and presenting the chosen SDG in an engaging, powerful way that resonates emotionally and caters to the chosen prompts.
- Form and Style: Is the essay well-structured, with a smooth flow of ideas?

We hope to see you captivate our judges with your eloquent and outside-the-box approaches to our prompts. We wish you the best of luck!



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU!

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