

The 10th Annual New York Times Summer Reading Contest: June 14 to Aug. 23



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Every year since 2010 [The Learning Network](#) has invited teenagers around the world to add The New York Times to their summer reading lists and, so far, nearly 50,000 have.

At a time when teachers are looking for ways to offer students more “voice and choice,” we hope our open-ended contest can help: Every week, we ask participants to choose something in The Times that has sparked their interest, then tell us why. At the end of the week, judges from the Times newsroom pick favorite responses, and we publish them. It’s as simple as that.

Though our goals include some on many educators’ lists — helping students become more aware of the world and their place in it, learning how to navigate sophisticated nonfiction, and practicing writing for a real audience — we also just hope that students will realize that reading the newspaper can be fun.

As you’ll see in the guidelines below, they can choose literally anything they like that was published on NYTimes.com in 2019. We don’t care if they pick a piece about [politics](#) or [pythons](#), [golf](#) or [Game of Thrones](#), [Qatar](#) or the [Kardashians](#), [robots](#), [racing](#), [recipes](#) or [the royal baby](#); we just care about why they chose it.

Interested? Here are the key details, but please visit [the contest announcement](#) on our site for more information.

- **Every Friday beginning June 14**, we will publish a post on our site, [here](#), asking the questions, “What interested you most in The Times this week? Why?” Students can always find the right link at the top of our contest announcement.
- **Teenagers can post an answer any week until Friday, Aug. 23**, and contestants can choose from any Times article, essay, video, interactive, podcast or photograph published in 2019, on any topic they like.
- Every Tuesday starting July 2 we will announce winners from a previous week and [publish their writing](#).
- Students can choose from anything published in the print paper or on NYTimes.com in 2019, including [videos](#), [graphics](#), [slide shows](#) and [podcasts](#).
- Students can participate any week or every week, but we allow only *one* submission per person per week.
- Participants in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom must be between 13 to 19 years old to participate. However, if you are submitting from anywhere else in the world, you must be between 16 to 19 years old.