



"The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles."

- Jack Kerouac, LHS Class of 1939

Lowell High School Kerouac Poetry & Short Prose Contest October 7, 2022

Jack Kerouac was born in Lowell in 1922 and graduated from Lowell High School in 1939. He started writing at age 11, creating neighborhood newspapers and sports reports. He continued to write throughout his life, leaving a legacy of over 30 written works, including poetry, journals and novels. Kerouac never wavered from his belief that **"the greatest satisfaction in life is writing"**. Today, he is considered to be among the most influential writers of the 20th century, guiding the world to a new way of thinking-- that life and experience are the most beautiful and poetic "art" from which to draw inspiration.

Contest Details:

- Participants must submit 2 pieces of original work (poems or short prose – 2 minute reading per piece MAXIMUM)
- Each submission must be shared via Google Drive. Put both poems in one document.
- Share with both Mrs. Keefe (skeefe) and your ELA teacher through Google Drive and include in the upper left hand corner: your name, grade level, advisory room and your English teacher's name.
- The deadline for submission is Friday, **SEPTEMBER 30th.** **This is a firm deadline.**
- Be prepared to present your work before a panel of judges and an audience of LHS students on 10/07.
- All participants may invite up to five friends to attend the contest. Guests must complete and submit field trip forms by the end of the day on Thursday, October 6.
- There are two rounds of readings. The first round will decide the **Top Ten Participants**. The second round will decide the **Top Three Winners**, after which the prizes will be awarded.

FIRST PLACE: \$250.00

SECOND PLACE: \$150.00

THIRD PLACE: \$100.00

See your English teacher or email Mrs. Keefe if you have questions.

Set up your submission as follows:

Your Full Name
Your Grade Level
Your Advisory Room
Your English Teacher's Name

Poem/Prose #1 (Title and Text)

Poem/Prose #2 (Title and Text)

Contact:

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