



THE ELAINE WETTERAUER WRITING CONTEST

Writers in the Schools (A Program of Seattle Arts & Lectures)

Seattle Arts & Lectures' Writers in the Schools (WITS) program announces a writing contest open to students grades K-12 who attend WITS partner schools in the 2019/20 school year, and classroom teachers who partner with a WITS Writer in Residence during the 2019/20 school year. Editors will choose two finalists and one winner for the student contest, as well as two finalists and one winner for the teacher contest. The winning pieces of writing will appear on SAL's blog, be published in the 2019/20 WITS fall anthology. Student winners may also have the possibility of reading on stage at a future Seattle Arts & Lectures public program.

THE THEME: "Legacy"

Students and teachers are invited to submit an original poem, comic, story, or essay of 1000 words maximum, based on the title of SAL author Min Jin Lee's novel, *Pachinko*. *Pachinko* is an epic historical novel following a Korean family over the course of the 20th century, their migration to Japan, and the historical, cultural and familial effects of legacy across generations. The contest invites applicants to explore similar themes—to examine what legacies have shaped their lives, and/or to look forward to the legacy they hope to impart to the world. Submissions are welcome in all genres, and editors will choose winners based on originality, use of language, and impact of the piece.

HOW TO SUBMIT WORK

- Limit one original poem, comic, story or essay per applicant (please limit prose submissions to under 1000 words).
- Save the work in a Word document, in 12-point font (comics may be scanned and sent as a PDF), with the following information in the upper right-hand corner:

For Students:

Student's name
School & grade
Parent's name
Parent's contact info (email and/or phone)

For Teachers:

Teacher's Name
School & grade taught
WITS Writer
Preferred Contact Info (email and/or phone)

Save the Word file as **First Name Last Name.WITSContest.doc**
(e.g. Bre'AnnaGirdy.WITSContest.doc).

Email the submission as an attached document to wits@lectures.org with subject "WITS Contest."

****CONTEST SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY 5 P.M. ON Friday, February 28th ****