



Kern Council of Teachers of English (KCTE) One Book Project High School Writing Contest based on *All You Can Ever Know* by Nicole Chung

For a copy of the prompt, visit www.csub.edu/english/one-book-project.shtml

Essay Contest Guidelines

Please carefully read and follow the submission guidelines below:

- To be eligible, you must be a student in a Kern High School District class.
- By entering the contest, you affirm that the essay submission is your own original creation.
- All entries must be written without consultation with others. This includes, but is not limited to, no consultation with family members, friends, peer response groups, tutoring centers, writing centers, or artificial intelligence (AI).
- A written essay is the only literary form accepted (no poems, plays, songs, etc.).
- Only one essay may be submitted by each contestant.
- Each essay should reflect the contestant's own interpretation and original thinking.

Essay Specifications:

- The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words long, typed, double-spaced, using 12-point font (preferably Times New Roman or Arial).
- Each essay should include an original title.
- Your essay itself should not include your name or any other identifiers.
- Use 1-inch margins all around.
- Do not justify the right margin.
- Pages should be sequentially numbered.
- Use MLA-style documentation when quoting from the book.

Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- Creativity – Does the essay reflect a creative and original perspective on the book?
- Organization – Does the argument follow a logical and easily understood progression?
- Clarity – Does the author use concise language?
- Unity/Development of thought – Does the essay reflect a thorough comprehension of the book?
- Grammar/Mechanics – Does the contestant use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation?

Essays will be judged by a committee of college instructors. Contest winners will be announced immediately before the author's keynote speech on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Submitting Your Essay:

Entries must be submitted to the instructor of the class for which the essay was written. The instructor will submit the essay on your behalf.