2024 JASNA Essay Contest

Debate the Topic

Jane Austen’s Novels: Still Relevant after 200 Years?

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JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

If you have ever attended a formal debate you know that both sides of a “resolution” are presented, giving everyone an intellectual workout. Here’s yours:

Resolved: That Jane Austen’s novels are still relevant and speak to us after 200 years.

In the first part of the essay you should attack this claim; in the second part defend it. You will be expected to back up each position with quotations and examples from Austen’s works.

- **High School Students**: Cite at least one Austen novel.
- **Undergraduate and Graduate Students**: Cite at least two Austen novels. Citing Austen’s unfinished works is also permitted.

**Awards for Winners**

- **1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-place winners in each category receive:**
  - Cash scholarships ranging from $250 to $1,000.
  - One year of free membership in JASNA.
  - Publication of the winning essays on JASNA’s website.
  - First-place winners also receive free registration and two nights’ lodging for our 2024 Annual General Meeting in Cleveland, OH, October 18-20.

**Open to High School, College, & Graduate School Students**

**Entry Deadline**

June 1, 2024

**Details/How to Enter**

It is essential that you visit the Essay Contest webpage to learn about format, length, eligibility, etc.

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