

Jane Austen Society of North America 2015 Essay Contest



Essay Contest Topic: In keeping with the theme of our annual meeting, “Living in Jane Austen’s World,” JASNA is looking for short essays on the following topic:

Examine a single Jane Austen novel or several and show different ways characters engage with their culture, views, mores, or living conditions. How does participation in their world affect each character’s development? You might look at how a character approaches material culture, physical or emotional space, interpersonal relations, social class, wealth, or gender. You may consider elements of Jane Austen’s world that have inherently negative or positive influences on characters and events in the novels.

Who Is Eligible: Students at the high school, college, and graduate school levels.

Entry Deadline: May 15, 2015

Awards: Judges will select first -, second-, and third-place winners in each of the three divisions. Winners will receive:

- Cash awards \$1,000 (first), \$500 (second), and \$250 (third) in each division.
- Complimentary registration and two nights’ lodging for first-place winners at the JASNA Annual General Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, 9-11 October 2015.
- One-year free membership in JASNA for winners and mentors.
- Publication of the winning essays on the JASNA website.
- A set of Norton Critical Editions of Austen’s novels.

More Details: for entry form, criteria, and past winners visit
www.jasna.org

