WRITING CONTEST PROMPTS

2026-27

FRENCH FOR THE FUTURE | ESSAY

How to turn failure into success

SPEECH & DEBATE CANADA | SPEAK UP

“Building a Stronger Canada”

Choose one: Free Enterprise, Immigration, Canadian Energy, National Security (including the Arctic), or Healthcare.

IMAGINE A CANADA | ART & ESSAY

“Imagine a Canada.”

What could truth and reconciliation look like? What Canada would you hope to see?

GALLAUDET | WRITING

An ordinary day takes an unexpected turn. Take us along for the ride.

GALLAUDET | ASL VIDEO

A package arrives at your front door. What happens when you open it?

NEVER SUCH INNOCENCE | 2026-27

“Through My Eyes”

How do your experiences, heritage, age, or proximity to conflict shape your view?

LANCE TON BALADO | PODCAST

“Histoires inachevées”

If the world were a book, how would you write the next chapter? What future would you choose?

CANTERBURY TALES | WRITING

“Transformations”

Write a poem or story inspired by change.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION | REMEMBRANCE

Create an original poem, essay, artwork, or video that reflects Remembrance with a Canadian theme.

WRITE THE WORLD | JUSTICE

What does justice mean?
What does it require of us?

Explore justice and injustice, from your community to the wider world.

THE 44 NORTH | ESSAY CHOICE 1

What does it mean to reclaim power in your life, community, or culture? How can people reclaim voice, identity, belonging, or dignity when forces try to limit or silence them?

THE 44 NORTH | ESSAY CHOICE 2

Who gets to define who you are? What happens when that power is taken back? Explore identity, culture, ancestry, language, or belonging.

POLYPHONY LIT | FALL 2026

“Nostalgia”

Which memories do we preserve or reshape? Is nostalgia a refuge, a burden, or both?

POLYPHONY LIT | LATIN HERITAGE 2026

“Repeating History”

How does history shape your choices? Where do patterns of thought or behavior repeat?

POLYPHONY LIT | WINTER 2026

“Subversion”

What expectations could you turn upside down—in symbols, genre, style, stereotypes, or everyday norms?