

NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK CONTESTS

The theme for 2009 is "I'm learning French because.../J'apprends le français parce que..."

ESSAY CONTEST

Deadline: Postmarked by **October 15, 2009.**

Send to: David Graham, 344 Trim Road, Morrisonville, NY 12962; e-mail: [mrquebec@gmail.com].

Guidelines: Each entry must be the original work of a current French student whose teacher is an AATF member for 2009. No group entries. There is a limit of five entries per school. Essays must be written in English and be typed or word processed. The student's name, grade, level of French, school, school address and telephone number, teacher's full name, e-mail address, and AATF chapter name must be written on the front of the essay. Submissions with incomplete information will not be judged. The required essay lengths, by division, are:

- Grades 3-5: Maximum 150 words;
- Grades 6-8: Maximum 250 words
- Grades 9-12: Maximum 350 words
- College: Maximum 500 words

Judging Criteria: Relevance to the theme,

originality, written expression.

All essays become the property of the AATF and may be used in AATF publications or materials. All participants in the AATF Essay and Poster Contests will receive certificates. A student may enter both contests. First, second, and third place winners of each division will receive prizes to be announced.

POSTER CONTEST

Deadline: Postmarked by **October 15, 2009.**

Send to: Randa Duvick, Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Meier Hall, 1800 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN 46383; e-mail: [randa.duvick@valpo.edu].

Guidelines: The poster theme must appear on each entry. No copyrighted figures (ie. Snoopy, Astérix) accepted. Each entry must be the original work of a current French student whose teacher is an AATF member for 2009. No group entries. There is a limit of five entries per school. The student's name, grade, level of French, school, school address and telephone number, teacher's full name, e-mail address, and AATF chapter

name must be written on the back of the poster. Submissions with incomplete information will not be judged.

Posters must measure 18" x 24" and have a flat surface with no moving parts. No three-dimensional posters accepted. No glue is to be used. Tempera paint, india ink, markers, flairs, or crayons may be used. Use white poster paper. Mail entries flat. The judging divisions are:

- Elementary: Grades 3-5
- Intermediate: Grades 6-8
- Secondary: Grades 9-12
- College

Judging Criteria: Visual impact, relevance to the theme, originality. (Remember that the use of color is important to visual impact. Large areas of white reduce the visual impact of the submission.)

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