

Summer Reading Contest

JUNE 6-AUG. 15, 2025



Every Friday starting on June 6, we'll post a fresh version of the question, "What got your attention in The Times this week?"

Students can then choose any New York Times article, essay, image, graph, video or podcast episode that sparked their interest and write a short response OR make a short video telling us why. At the end of the week, judges from the Times newsroom will pick their favorites and we'll publish the winners.

How It Works



Choose any Times article, essay, image, graph, video or podcast episode published in 2025.



Tell us why you chose your piece ...



... in a 1,500-character essay...



... OR a 90-second video.

Contest Rules

- The contest is open to students ages 13 to 19 in middle or high school anywhere in the world.
- You can choose anything you like that was published in the print paper or on NYTimes.com in 2025.
- You can participate any or every week, but we only allow one submission per person per week.
- Written responses must be 1,500 characters (about 250 words) or fewer; video responses must be 90 seconds or fewer.
- Provide the complete URL or headline of the article you choose in your response.
- Deadline: Every Friday from June 13 to Aug. 15, 2025, at 9 a.m. Eastern.



Visit the [contest page](#) to see the full guidelines and submit.

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