

## DISCUSSION KEY for the November-December 2012 issue:

ARTICLE & PAGE NUMBER		KEY TEACHING POINTS	
	<b>Teens react to Obama's victory</b> ..... 5 <i>These teens were thrilled when he was re-elected and share their hopes for his second term.</i>		<p>What would you like the president to do first now that he's been re-elected? Why? Now that the election is over how much are you going to pay attention to politics?</p>
	<b>Painfully shy</b> ..... 6 <i>Jaanvi is so afraid of what people will think of her that it's been hard for her to make friends.</i>		<p>How do you feel when you're around new people? How can you help make a new student feel welcome?</p>
	<b>My future's on hold</b> ..... 8 <i>Destiny can't get the community college classes she needs to transfer.</i>		<p>What are your plans for after high school? How do you think budget cuts could affect you? Is college worth it?</p>
	<b>Pop star dreams</b> ..... 10 <i>Susie's audition to become a Korean pop star was a disaster.</i>		<p>What dreams have you had? What have you done to try to make them come true? If you've tried, what caused you to succeed or fail?</p>
	<b>Nature close to home</b> ..... 14 <i>Camille loves hiking Runyon Canyon because it's good exercise with a great view.</i>		<p>What's your favorite outdoor activity to do in L.A.? What do you think of hiking?</p>
	<b>Moving to the Latin beat</b> . 17 <i>It was hard to learn, but now salsa dancing is Tyler's passion.</i>		<p>How do you find the courage to try something new? How do you get better?</p>
	<b>Struggling with OCD</b> ..... 20 <i>Henry saw germs everywhere so he couldn't stop washing his hands.</i>		<p>What are your attitudes toward mental illness and where do they come from? How has reading the article changed your views?</p>
	<b>I'm here to listen</b> ..... 22 <i>It's been rewarding for Eric to work at an online forum where teens get help with their problems.</i>		<p>How have you helped your friends through hard times? What would you do if you felt like you couldn't help them?</p>
	<b>A moral dilemma</b> ..... 24 <i>Essay contest winners wrote about deciding whether to return a lost dog, drink at a party and lie to their parents.</i>		<p>Share a time you wrestled with a moral dilemma. Or you could discuss the new essay prompt about jealousy.</p>

# Teacher's Guide *for* L.A. youth

NOV-DEC 2012 ISSUE • L.A. YOUTH WILL ARRIVE THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2012

HAVE YOUR STUDENTS TAKE OUR SURVEY  
Teachers who have 100 students answer the survey will be entered to win one of two \$250 Staples gift cards. They can fill it out online at [layouth.com](http://layouth.com). Deadline is Dec. 1, 2012.



The screenshot shows the L.A. Youth website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: FOSTER YOUTH, COOL LINKS, GET A JOB, JOIN US, HOME, REGISTER, and LOG-IN. Below this is a search bar and the date "November 8, 2012" with the "October 2012 Issue" label. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text "Take our survey about poverty and you could win \$100". Below the banner is a section titled "L.A. YOUTH POVERTY SURVEY" with a blue header. The text in this section describes the survey, its purpose, and the prize. On the left side of the page, there are several sidebar sections: "About Us", "For Teachers", "ENTERTAINMENT" (with a sub-section for "CD reviews (October 2012)"), "FROM OUR READERS" (with a sub-section for "Letters to the editor (October 2012)"), and "HEADLINES" (with a sub-section for "Should teens be allowed to vote?").

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 **CD reviews (October 2012)**  
Our staff writers recommend CDs by Kimbra, Tyrese and Dev.

\\ FROM OUR READERS  
**Letters to the editor (October 2012)**  
These are letters we received about stories that appeared in the September 2012 issue of L.A. Youth.

\\ HEADLINES  
**Should teens be allowed to vote?**  
Members of our teen staff couldn't agree on whether teens are mature enough

## Take our survey about poverty and you could win \$100

### L.A. YOUTH POVERTY SURVEY

You could be one of three teens to win \$100 by taking our survey about poverty.

The United States is known as the land of opportunity, where with hard work you can achieve anything. But does the American Dream still exist? Millions of Americans today are struggling to pay their bills, find a job, get medical care or have enough to eat. In 2010 more than 46 million Americans lived below the federal poverty line (which means they lived on about \$23,000 a year for a family of four), according to the Census Bureau.

By answering this survey, you can help L.A. Youth find out what teens think about poverty, like what they think causes it and if they think there's a way to rise out of it. If you answer every question, you will be entered in a drawing. Three people will be randomly chosen from all the entries to win \$100 each.

Please fill out the survey only once. To be eligible to win the money you must answer all the questions and your name, address and phone number must be included.

The deadline is December 1, 2012.

# L.A. Youth art contest

## RULES

- 1) Contest entries must be original artwork of Los Angeles County youth ages 13 to 19.
- 2) The work may be done in any medium, including acrylics, oils, charcoal, pencil, pen, watercolor, collage, multimedia, photography or sculpture. The dimensions should be 8 1/2" by 11". Three-dimensional artwork should include a photograph of the artwork.
- 3) Each artist may submit only one entry.
- 4) The artist's name, age, home address and phone number should be included on the back of the artwork. If the artist is in school, the school's name should be included. If the artwork was created as an assigned project in a classroom, the teacher's name should be listed. Artwork will be returned if a return address is provided.

The teen staff of L.A. Youth will select a first-, second- and third-place winner as well as some honorable mentions. The first-place winner and his or her teacher will each receive \$100. The second-place winner and his or her teacher will each receive \$75, and the third-place student and teacher will get \$50 each. Winners and honorable mentions will be published in the May-June 2013 issue of L.A. Youth and on [layout.com](http://layout.com).

### Questions?

Contact us at (323) 938-9194 or [editor@layout.com](mailto:editor@layout.com).

DEADLINE:  
MARCH 31,  
2013

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1ST PLACE  
**\$100**  
2ND PLACE  
**\$75**  
3RD PLACE  
**\$50**

**M**ost of us have spent time thinking about the future. What will life be like and what will our world look like?

For this year's art contest we want you to create a piece of art that shows us what the future looks like to you. What do you hope will change for the better or what do you fear will change for the worse?

Next are some ideas to get you thinking about what type of future you envision. You may imagine a

different future from the examples here and that's OK.

What do you think will happen with race relations? Will we all get along or will we become more divided? What about world peace? Do you think countries will get rid of their weapons or that we'll go to war again?

Or maybe you want to show what role you think technology will play in our lives. Do you imagine a post-apocalyptic world where robots have taken over humans? Or do you imagine

exciting technological advances improving our lives?

A lot of people are worried about the environment. Do you think we'll have solar panels on every house or do you think we won't be able to stop the harmful effects of global warming?

Before you get started, think, what's most important to you when you think about the future? How can you express your idea in a way that other people will understand what you're saying?

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## YOUR STUDENTS CAN JOIN THE L.A. YOUTH STAFF

*We're looking for writers, illustrators and photographers. Foster youth welcome. No experience necessary.*



**Next Newcomer's Orientation: Saturday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. - noon**

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*(between Fairfax and La Brea)*

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