

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

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## DISCUSSION KEY for the October 2012 issue:

ARTICLE & PAGE NUMBER		KEY TEACHING POINTS	
	<p><b>We deserve safe parks . . . . 5</b> <i>These teens say they wish security was better so they could use the parks more.</i></p>		<p>How safe are the parks in your community? What do you think could make them safer? Why do you think parks are important?</p>
	<p><b>When does like become love? . . . . . 8</b> <i>It's been hard for Zzzzah-Zzaz to know when to say 'I love you.'</i></p>		<p>When do you think is the right time to say I love you? Do you think teens say it to each other too soon?</p>
	<p><b>What do they stand for? . 10</b> <i>Melissa wasn't sure if she was a Republican or a Democrat.</i></p>		<p>What issues matter the most to you when choosing a political party? Do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat or neither?</p>
	<p><b>Why the election matters to me . . . . . 11</b> <i>Even though she can't vote, Avika cares about issues like jobs and college costs.</i></p>		<p>Do you think it's important for teens to pay attention to the election? What could the candidates do to make young people feel like their opinions matter?</p>
	<p><b>My brother and I share a special bond . . . . . 16</b> <i>Even though Katie's older brother can't talk, they're still there for each other.</i></p>		<p>What makes a bond between siblings strong? How does a relationship between siblings differ from a friendship?</p>
	<p><b>Making their college dreams come true . . . . . 20</b> <i>Yesenia worked hard in school because her immigrant parents wanted her to have opportunities they never had.</i></p>		<p>What dreams do your parents have for you? How are they the same or different than yours?</p>
	<p><b>Inspired to write . . . . . 22</b> <i>After Daisy read a poem by Sylvia Plath, she became her literary idol.</i></p>		<p>What do you think you want to do as a career? Who or what has inspired you?</p>
	<p><b>In defense of my faith . . . . 24</b> <i>Hanifati wants people to know that Islam is a peaceful faith.</i></p>		<p>How much do you know about Islam? What do you think of how the news media portrays Islam?</p>
	<p><b>Please go to page 6 to have your students take our survey about poverty.</b></p>		<p>You could win a \$250 Staples gift card if 100 of your students complete the survey. Deadline is Dec. 1, 2012.</p>

## 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?

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# L.A. Youth art contest



**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

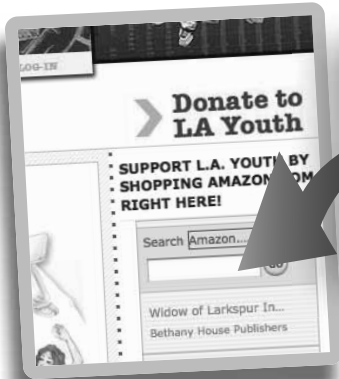
exciting technological advances improving our lives?

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.*



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