

SINGAPORE STORIES FOR OUR CHILDREN



Have You Got a Story to Tell? encourages you, members of the public, students and teachers of Singapore, to write the stories you've always wanted to tell – stories that engage the reader and help us understand and appreciate our culture, history, and folklore.

This story-writing project is co-organised by the Academy of Principals (Singapore) and the Ministry of Education, Singapore. You are invited to show your creativity and make a positive contribution to the stories available for children. And you could win a major prize!



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CONTEST GUIDELINES

How do I get started?

First, think about the kinds of stories that children love. They love to laugh, to find out more about new and exciting things, and to see children just like themselves in the stories they read. As you write, ask yourself, "What is it about my story that will make someone want to read it to the end?" Then use the questions below to guide you. Good luck!

What should I write about?

Get your creative juices flowing and think about stories that will introduce children to Singapore's culture and history. For this contest, your writing should focus on one or more of the following themes:

- Local festivals and traditions
- National heroes
- Local myths and legends
- Historical events, places, or people
- Real stories of everyday life in Singapore.

Poems and short plays may also be submitted.

What ages can I write for?

There are three age groups you can write for:

5- to 6-year-olds

Stories for this group should be between 100 and 200 words long.

7- to 12- year-olds

Stories for this group should be between 200 and 500 words long.

13- to 17- year-olds

Stories for this group should be between 500 and 1000 words long.

What happens if my story is chosen?

If the judges choose your entry as a winner, you will be given expert guidance by the editorial staff to help you craft your work into a great story.

The writers of the best stories will receive attractive prizes. (See Terms and Conditions below)

How do I enter my stories in the competition?

Your writing must be submitted along with the official entry form, available at www.aps.sg or www.aps.sg/stories. Entries should be emailed to stories@aps.sg. You can submit as many stories as you like. Entries will only be accepted by email.

Entries must be received by:

- 31st May 2012 for the **Open Category** (Students / Members of the Public), or
- 29th June 2012 for the **MOE Teachers Category** (Stories Teachers Tell).

Terms and Conditions

1. The story or stories must be your own original work. Do not incorporate another person's ideas or any trademarked material (for example, brand names).
2. Your story or stories must not have been published anywhere before being entered in this competition, and you must have the authority to enter them into this contest.
3. As an entrant, you grant the Academy of Principals (Singapore) the first rights to publish your work. If you want to send your story to another publisher at a later time, you will need to contact the Academy of Principals (Singapore) first. The work of the contest winners will become the copyright of Academy of Principals (Singapore). They reserve the right to further edit and publish the winners' work in a range of formats so that it can be enjoyed by children and used in schools as educational reading material.
4. Winners agree to make themselves available for a reasonable amount of marketing and promotional activity. For example, interviews and photographs.
5. The terms and conditions relating to the prizes are subject to change and will be negotiated in the final instance between the Academy of Principals (Singapore) and the winners.
6. The verdict of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
7. You must be a Singaporean or Singapore PR to be eligible to apply for this contest.