

The TNPU Writing Competition Analysis February 2012

The TNPU Writing Competition was kicked off on February 1st, 2012 when Peace Corps Volunteer Sharece Michelle Bunn held the winter writing workshop for students. The workshop was held in room 70 of TNPU's main building during the 4th line of the day (12:45-2:05). Workshop participants were given a review of essay writing techniques and were given the details of the contest.

The writing contest was open to students from the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth courses.

Contest Entry Guidelines were as follows.

1. Essays needed to be original works written by students who currently attend TNPU.
2. Essays had to be turned in by the student who wrote the essay.
3. Essays should have been 2,000 to 2,500 words in length.
4. Essays should have been typed.
5. Essays need to be written about one of the approved themes.
6. Essays had to be handed in by 3 PM on February 29, 2012 to be entered in the contest.
7. Essay winners were expected to provide a digital copy of their work when asked. The essay would then be posted to the Weebly website (Americanteacherinua).

Approved theme for the contest were:

- Technology Today, Technology Tomorrow
- Environmental Issues and Change
- The Future of the Classroom
- Healthy Lifestyles and Living
- Our Future Ukraine

FIVE students entered the Writing Competition. The students were:

- **Maria Marchak** from group 42.2,
- **Bozhena Pazii** from group 42.2,
- **Nadia Rykun** from group 42.2,
- **Ira Skip** from group 42.2, and
- **Olha Reznik** from group 43.2.

Laura Evans, a Peace Corps Volunteer at School Number Three in Ternopil helped judge the contest. Laura and Sharece both read and analyzed the five essays. They came up with first and second place winners and gave the remaining three girls honorable mentions for entering the contest.

First Place: Olha Reznik

Second Place: Maria Marchak

Honorable Mention: Bozhena Pazii, Nadia Rykun, and Ira Skip.

Prizes were chosen from a bank of books Sharece attained from Darien Book Aid, a charitable book donation company in the United States.

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- The first place winner was allowed to pick up to five books as her prize.
- The second place winner was allowed to pick up to four books as her prize.
- The honorable mention participants were allowed to pick up to two books each for their prizes.