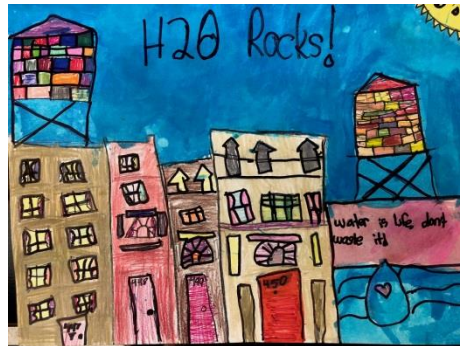


## 2019 Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest Guidelines

**DUE DATE: Monday February 25, 2019**

**Submit all entries to Mrs. Falconieri in the Library**



Thank you for participating in the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. We look forward to seeing your entries.

### Participation

Second through twelfth grade public, independent, charter, parochial, and homeschooled students in New York City and the East and West of Hudson Watersheds are eligible to participate each year. View the [NYC Water Story Map](#) to see watershed boundaries.

### Entries

- All entries must relate to New York's water resources. To view a list of potential topics, visit [2019 Art & Poetry Contest Themes](#).
- Art entries can include paintings, drawings, photographs, models, dance videos, music performances, public service announcements, or animations, for example.
- Students may work in small groups or individually.
- **On the front of each entry, please include the following information:**
  - **Student's first name**
  - **School**
  - **Grade**
  - **Borough/watershed**

- Art and poetry files need to be less than 25mb. Click [here](#) for help compressing a file.
- Art entry files (such as photos, digital art, videos, etc.) may be submitted in a jpg, pdf, avi, wmv, or mov format. If submitting drawings, paintings, or 3D works, we suggest submitting a high-resolution photo or scan.
- Poetry entry files may be submitted in a doc, txt, rtf, or pdf format.
- All entries become the property of DEP to be used for educational purposes.

### **Websites**

#### **2019 Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest**

[https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental\\_education/artpoetry\\_guidelines.shtml](https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental_education/artpoetry_guidelines.shtml)

#### **2019 Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest Themes**

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#### **New York City's Water Story: From Mountain Top to**

**Tap**[https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental\\_education/new-york-citys-water-story.shtml](https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental_education/new-york-citys-water-story.shtml)

#### **2018 Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest Pictures**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nycwater/sets/72157691441592220/>

## **2019 Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest Themes**

The contest this year has five central themes listed below.

Entries can address an original idea that relates to NYC's water resources or one or more of the following topic questions. Click on the links below for more information or educational materials to help you incorporate a particular contest theme into your curriculum.

Please email us at [educationoffice@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:educationoffice@dep.nyc.gov) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing your entries.

### **Water—A precious resource**

- [Why is water valuable to us?](#)
- [Why is it important to drink NYC water?](#)
- [What are some reasons to drink tap water rather than bottled water?](#)

## **The New York City Water Supply System**

- What is a watershed? How do the New York City watersheds supply us with water?
- What is the history of the New York City Water Supply System?
- Why are the historic High Bridge and Central Park Reservoir important?
- Where does New York City's drinking water come from?
- How do well-managed forests keep water clean?
- How is water distributed throughout New York City? What is City Water Tunnel No. 3?
- How do scientists, engineers and other DEP staff make sure our water is safe to drink?
- How much water do you use daily?
- How are trout good indicators of clean water?
- How do watershed farmers help protect water quality?
- How is New York City repairing the Delaware Aqueduct?

## **The New York City Wastewater Treatment System**

- What happens to the water we use after it goes down the drain?
- How do New York City's wastewater treatment plants work?
- What is the Visitor Center at Newtown Creek and the Newtown Creek Nature Walk?

## **Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems**

- Why is Jamaica Bay important and how can we help protect it?
- What is the Staten Island Bluebelt and why is it important?
- Why do we need to keep storm drains clear and streets litter-free?
- What are combined sewer overflows (CSOs)?
- What is the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)?
- What is the impact of plastic pollution on our ocean?
- Are there sharks in New York?
- Do we have corals in New York?
- What is a catadromous fish?
- Why is the American eel in trouble?
- What is the Hudson Canyon?
- How has harbor water quality changed throughout the last 100 years?

## **Water Stewardship and Climate Change—What can we do to help?**

- How can we conserve water in our everyday lives?
- How can we help reduce the amount of stormwater in our sewers?
- What are green and blue roofs?
- How are water and energy related?
- How can we help protect watersheds?
- What can we do to help keep harbor water clean and marine ecosystems healthy?
- What is the best way to dispose of household grease?
- What are fire hydrants for and why must they be used properly?
- What is climate change?
- What is the greenhouse effect?
- Who and what is causing climate change?
- How does climate change affect the water cycle?
- What are the risks that climate change poses to our water supply and wastewater treatment systems?