



CENTURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

965 N. Sunnyside Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611

Saroyan Writing Contest Block C Directions

THEME: Mistakes

William Saroyan once said, "Good people are good because they've come to wisdom from failure. We get very little wisdom from success." That follows from the Armenian proverb, "A man who has not made a mistake is a man who has not truly lived." In that spirit, write about a time in your life when you made a mistake. Explain what you learned from it. Has it changed you in any way?

1. Prompt: Your paper must address the prompt to be considered for a Block C point.
2. Story length: Judges will look for stories that do not exceed two pages. In no case should a story exceed three pages.
3. Refer to the California Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, Writing Standard for your grade level specific expectations. Papers will be judged by a Century panel before they are sent to the Saroyan Society. *Papers below grade level will not receive a Block C award.
4. Please type and save essays on the computer. The top 3 Century students will have the opportunity to work with Mr. Warren to revise essay before submitting to the Saroyan society.
5. Essays due to Cindy Norman (Office Manager) by March 1st at 3:15pm. Only the top essays will be submitted for the contest. No late papers will be accepted for any reason. Essays sent directly to Saroyan Society cannot count as Block C points.
6. Complete the attached form to entry.