



## CCLE 2022 ESSAY CONTEST

Open to students who attend a CCLE accredited school or whose parent is a CCLE member

Deadline for submission: March 15, 2022

### THEME FOR 2022: Ad Fontes: Cultivating the Habits of Classical Lutheran Education

**Dialectic Prompt:** How is the Word of God important in shaping what you learn in your class/es (pick one or two classes to use as an example)?

**Rhetoric Prompt:** A classical education tries to teach students wide-ranging knowledge, the ability to think logically, and the ability to express their thoughts effectively. Other educational philosophies today teach students to get in touch with their feelings, to see themselves or their classmates as victims of oppression, and to become politically active. Which approach best prepares students for life in the 21st century?

### EVALUATION CRITERIA: SEE SCALES

Punctuation, Capitalization, Spelling  
Grammar, Sentences  
Following Directions  
Reflecting Dialectic or Rhetorical Approach  
Structure in Introduction, Body, & Conclusion  
Paragraph Development  
Vocabulary Choice & Level  
Author's Voice  
Complexity of Thoughts, Insights  
Lutheran Theological Understanding  
Response to Prompt  
Length: 700 to 1,250 words

### CONSIDERATIONS/DIRECTIONS

1. The teacher or parent may help to explain or clarify the prompt, directions, and evaluation scale, but it must be entirely the student's work and thought; no teacher or parent revisions are permitted on any drafts. If the prompt is used as an in-class assignment, it must be solely the student's work.
2. The essay must be word-processed. All text should be on one side of paper only—it must be readable when scanned. Formatting must be double-spaced, font size 12, Arial, New Times Roman, or Helvetica font, black only.

3. A student may participate in only one essay category for the contest; the school cannot submit essays in both categories by one student.

## PROCESS

1. For schools: The classroom teacher reads all essays from her classroom, identifying the strongest two essays in each category (dialectic, rhetoric). The school then selects the top two essays in each category to represent the school. The school completes the essay submission page including a list of the top two essays by category with students' names and category (page 3). The student's name, category (dialectic, rhetoric), and word count should be only on a cover page of the essay pdf; the student's name or school should NOT appear on the essay pages, only the essay title. THIS ENSURES ANONYMOUS JUDGING.

Each school may submit two essays per category (dialectic/rhetoric); the total submission for a school is four essays by four different students.

For home school families: Please complete the essay submission page including the student's name and category (dialectic or rhetoric) and the parent's name as teacher (attached). The student's name, category, and word count should be only on a cover page. The student's name should NOT appear on the essay pages; only the essay title. THIS ENSURES ANONYMOUS JUDGING.

2. The classroom/home school teacher scans each essay submission as an electronic pdf. The entry must be clearly legible in the pdf to be evaluated. Please identify the electronic pdf submissions according to the following pattern:

Essay, Dialectic, last name, first name, school, town

Essay, Dialectic, Chemnitz, Martin, Brandenburg Lutheran School, Brandenburg

Essay, Rhetoric, last name, first name, school, town

Essay, Rhetoric, Cranach, Lucas, Wittenberg Lutheran School, Wittenberg

The classroom/home school teacher uploads the submissions to a file on google drive and shares permission to view and edit with [executive.director@cclle.org](mailto:executive.director@cclle.org) and [webmaster@cclle.org](mailto:webmaster@cclle.org).

4. The teacher then emails the shareable link and submission form to [executive.director@cclle.org](mailto:executive.director@cclle.org).

The Essay Submission Page and the essays scanned and submitted electronically must be sent by midnight (central time) of the contest deadline, April 15, 2022. Submissions will be acknowledged upon receipt of scanned materials. Please do not delete the file from your storage until after June 1, 2022.

5. The Essay Readers will evaluate all submissions using the CCLE Dialectic and Rhetoric Essay Scales.

6. All submissions may be published in CCLE materials with author attribution.

## **PRIZES**

1. Winners will be announced by June 1, 2022. Please do not delete the entry from your storage until after June 1.

3. Prizes consist of the following:

Grand Prize – \$200 gift card for the scholar and \$50 gift card for the writing teacher

Runner-Up – \$100 gift card for the scholar and \$50 gift card for the writing teacher

**Essay Submission Page**  
Submit to [executive.director@ccle.org](mailto:executive.director@ccle.org)

Teacher or School: Please type or print clearly all names (complete names: first and last) and information.

School name/  
Home school family: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the essay entries following this pattern:

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*Essay, Dialectic, Chemnitz, Martin, Brandenburg Lutheran School, Brandenburg*  
Essay, Rhetoric, last name, first name, school, town  
*Essay, Rhetoric, Cranach, Lucas, Wittenberg Lutheran School, Wittenberg*

Essay PDF File Name