**Patriot’s Pen Writing Project**

**2nd Six Weeks - 7th Grade Writing**

Description/Purpose

You will write a 300-400 word essay on the topic “How are you inspired by America?” This will allow you to practice your writing skills, learn more about American history, and express your knowledge of America. You will need to handwrite your rough draft, but will be given opportunities to type your final copy.

This essay will possibly be entered into a writing competition called “Patriot’s Pen.” Information on the Patriot’s Pen Writing Competition is attached. This essay will be turned in to Mrs. Mueller as your Writing project, even if it isn’t entered into the contest. Projects will be due before the contest deadline to allow time for selecting potential contest entries.

*Please do not send your essay into the contest on your own.*  After projects are turned in, contest entries will be selected. If your essay is selected for the contest, you will be notified and will be given time to fill out the entry form. This means that *you do not have to fill out the entry form for the project*; you will only fill it out if your essay is selected to be entered into the contest.

Grading

Your essay project will be graded on the following:

* The essay follows the topic and appropriately responds to the question.
* The essay is your original work and follows your own thinking; it is not copied from anyone or any other source.
* The writing process was used and the essay is written clearly with correct punctuation, grammar, and spelling.
* The sources from which you got your information are given proper credit.

***PROJECT DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10/18/23***