

# All Pikes Peak Writes 2022: Teens

## The Challenge:

Write a story, up to 2,500 words, that begins with the sentence “The ocean seemed different than usual.” Stories can be set in the past, present, or future.

## Rules for Entry:

- Must be ages 12 to 18.
- Must be an El Paso County resident
- Entries must begin with the sentence “The ocean seemed different than usual.”
- Word count must not exceed 2,500 words. Word count will be established by using Microsoft Word. Points will be automatically deducted from the total score of the piece if the word count exceeds 2,500 words.
- Pieces must include title page with title and date. The author’s name ***should not*** appear anywhere on the document.
- Pieces must be double-spaced and in 12 point Times New Roman or Calibri font with the title and page number in the upper right-hand corner.
- Only one entry per person.
- Must fill out the form and submit your story below by July 15, 2022 at 9:00 pm. The file format should be PDF, .doc, or .docx. If you need to convert a file, please visit a library location.
- Failure to follow the entry rules will result in disqualification.

## Submit Your Story Here:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/PikesPeakLibraryDistrict3/AllPikesPeakWrites2022Teen1218>

## FAQs

- When will I know if I have won?
  - We will notify participants in mid-August if they have won an award. All winners will be announced on ppld.org and invited to have their story published in an anthology of winning entries.
- Are you publishing the anthology again?
  - Yes! We will be publishing the top 3 stories in all categories: Teen (12-18), Young Adult (19-24), and Adult (25+).
- Will I get feedback for my work?
  - Yes! You will receive a copy of the judges’ comments after the awards ceremony.
- Do I have to turn in my story online?
  - Yes. To better facilitate the process, we are requiring all stories be turned in digitally. You can stop by any PPLD location to use one of our computers for this purpose.