

## Bill Taylor Essay Contest 2017-2018

Any high school student who attends the Camden Conference at any location is eligible to enter the Bill Taylor Contest. Due May 25, 2018.

- Please send your paper electronically to [info@CamdenConference.org](mailto:info@CamdenConference.org).
- Submissions must have full student name and school on the paper.
- The essay should be a 12 font, double-spaced, MLA-formatted essay. Suggested length approximately five to seven pages. (shorter or longer is fine)

To be eligible you must include your permission to publish the paper on the Camden Conference website if you win. We also need a physical address where you can be reached during June and July.

**Rationale:** The title of this year's conference, New World Disorder, implies that the social, political, economic, and environmental structures created post World War II have been at the very least significantly challenged if not dissolved, and this challenge or dissolution has occurred via avenues never before observed in human history. If we presume that this implication is true, then we as a global community cannot look backward to previous paradigms for guidance on how to deal with the present state of affairs; instead, we must look forward by identifying smaller, sub-set issues and proposing viable solutions for the future...

1. Select one of the domains to be covered during the conference as well as an associated sub-set issue of great interest to you.

- a) Nationalism/Populism  
(e.g.-- Political Party Shifts, Mass Uprisings, Isolationist Policies, Active Measures)
- b) Social and Economic Globalization  
(e.g.-- Western Imperialism, Microfinance, Supranational Entities, Multinationals)
- c) Climate Change  
(e.g.-- Forced Migration, Sea-Level Rise, Extreme Weather Events)
- d) Population Growth  
(e.g.-- Exponential Growth, Negative Birthrates, Public Health Concerns)
- e) Cyber Insecurity  
(e.g.-- Data Breaches, Cryptocurrency, Fake News, Social Media Saturation)

2. Research, analyze, and identify potential root causes of the sub-set issue itself.

3. Develop an argumentative, solution-based thesis: What premises or steps do you recommend that the involved parties take to mitigate (make less severe), minimize (scale down or reduce in number), or solve (effectively counteract or abolish) the sub-set issue at hand?

4. Plan and compose a formal essay detailing your foundation of research, subsequent analysis, solution-based thesis, various lines of reasoning, and other potential implications to the New World Disorder.