

BILL TAYLOR ESSAY CONTEST 2019-2020

Rationale: This year's Conference, *The Media Revolution: Changing the World*, Centered on New Media, the world's current relationship to it, and ultimately whether or not this media revolution will positively or negatively impact the quality, volume, and ease with which information/media is shared. Thus, your task will be to confront one of the commonly cited questions regarding New Media and propose a formal solution to the issue in detail.

Prompt:

1. What does it mean to be media literate today and how does one achieve it?
How do we know what is really fake news?
2. Research the associated topics, analyze current trends and examples, and develop a definitive thesis in response to the question.
3. Plan and compose a formal essay detailing your research, thesis statement, lines of reasoning, and further recommendations for the international community.
4. Finalize and submit the essay to be reviewed prior to the dates listed below.

Recommended Page Length: 3-6 pages, MLA or APA citations required.

Due Date: 6/1/2020

Submission Instructions:

1. Please send your paper electronically to info@camdenconference.org
2. Submissions must have a removable cover page including full student name and school. Page headers must not include personal names.
3. Eligibility – any high school student who attends the 2020 Camden Conference.
4. To be eligible, you must include your permission to publish the paper on the Camden Conference website. Winning papers will be presented on the Camden Conference website.
5. In order to contact contest winners, students must provide a physical address where they can be reached during June and July.