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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

ESSAY COMPETITION



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Essay Topic: GUN VIOLENCE (see details)

- Open to students in Grades 5–6 in the Turks and Caicos Islands.
- Essays must be self-written (no AI assistance or plagiarism)
- Assistance allowed from teachers, parents/guardians for guidance only.
- Only one entry per participant.
- Word Limit: Essays should be between 250–400 words.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Monday, December 1st, 2025

SWIPE FOR DETAILS



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Moot Topic

“Gun violence is a serious problem in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Many people believe that solving this issue requires more than just policing. Some suggest that safe recreational activities, mental health support, strong family ties, quality education, and economic opportunities all play an important role in building safer communities.

Write an essay discussing what you think are the most important ways to address gun violence in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Support your opinion with reasons and examples.”

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Submission Requirements

- Format: PDF/Word Document
- Email submission to vsightbourn@hrc.tc with the subject line: ESSAY COMPETITION – [FIRST AND LAST NAME]

Cover sheet must include:

- Full name of participant
- School name
- Grade level
- Teacher’s name, email, phone number
- Principal’s name, email, phone number

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Evaluation Criteria

- Basic grammar
- Flow of ideas
- Strength of argument (clear reasons with examples)
- Comprehension of the moot
- Adherence to word limit and essay structure

Grading Scale

Essay Competition (Grades 5–6) – 100 Points Total

Criteria	Max Points	Description
Basic Grammar	20	Correct spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure
Flow of Ideas	20	Logical order of paragraphs, clear transitions
Strength of Argument	25	Clear position with reasons and supporting examples
Comprehension of Moot	20	Demonstrates understanding of the issue
Adherence to Word Limit & Structure	15	Follows 250–400 word count, includes intro, body, and conclusion
TOTAL	100	

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Competition Disclaimer

By submitting an entry (essay, poem, video, or graphic design) to the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission's competitions, participants agree to the following:

- The submitted work must be original and self-created, without the use of artificial intelligence.
- Participants grant the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission the right to use, reproduce, and share their work for promotional, educational, and advocacy purposes on its website, social media platforms, printed materials, and other Commission communications.
- No financial compensation will be provided for the use of submitted works.
- The Commission reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not meet eligibility, content, or submission requirements.
- Participation in any of the competitions constitutes full acceptance of these terms.



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