

Alternate Times:

a writing contest for Tampa Bay high school students

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Tampa Bay high school students, submit your original, unpublished short story based on one of the themes below by October 6, 2014.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive:

- \$100 grand prize
- Invitation to read the winning story as a presenting author at the 22nd Annual Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading on Sat., Oct. 25, 2014
- Publication of the winning story on the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education website
- Grand Prize Award certificate

Deadline

- The contest opens at 12:00 A.M. EST, Sept. 1, 2014.
- The deadline for submissions is 11:59 P.M. EST, Oct. 6, 2014.

How to enter

- For complete rules and to enter visit tampabay.com/nie/AlternateTimesContest

Rules

- The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 in public and private schools in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties.
- Stories must be unpublished and unsold.
- There is no fee to enter.
- Writers may submit an unlimited number of stories.

Alternate history (n) –

a genre of fiction in which the author speculates on how history might differ in an alternate version of Earth.

Contest Themes:

What if the Romans won the Battle of Adrianople and the Roman Empire continued into modern times?

What if Charles Babbage's Difference Engine #1 had been constructed and worked successfully, so working computers were available in 1833?

What if the Confederate troops had taken Little Round Top and Robert E. Lee had won the Battle of Gettysburg?

What if noted athlete Jim Thorpe had played baseball for the Yankees and set the home run record with a homer off young Red Sox pitcher Babe Ruth?

What if African-American pilot Bessie Coleman had received financial backing to fly the Spirit of Chicago plane solo across the Atlantic in 1926?



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Submissions will be judged by a panel of experts including science fiction authors **Alan Smale, Harry Turtledove** and **Rick Wilber.**