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**III INTERNATIONAL CONTEST IN FILM-BASED ESSAY WRITING:**  
**“WATCH REFLECTIVELY, RESEARCH VIRTUOUSLY, THINK CRITICALLY, WRITE**  
**CREATIVELY!”**

**for senior school students and university 1<sup>st</sup> year students**

**Year 2025 Problem Area: The Role of Science, Humanistic Values, and Technology in Social**  
**Progress and Global Development**

**Year 2025 Film-Club Base: “Interstellar”.**

**The Suggested Essay Topic:**

**“The Role of Scientific Research and Critical Thinking For the Society’s Development and**  
**Technical Progress”.**

*Creative competition in critical writing*  
*on exploring the role of humanistic values, scientific research and critical thinking*  
*in global development and technological advancements of the society.*

**Dear friends! We invite you to participate in this contest and showcase your critical thinking, research skills and creativity, your commitment to values of humanism and scientific progress, to inspire others with your words, and to leave your own unique signature on the ever-evolving world of science and technology!**

**Can films teach viewers critical thinking and empathy? Can technology contribute to human and societal development? Can humanistic values and science be the driving force for the powerful and sustainable progress?**

**Join our Film Club and take part in our Contest to think about it together!**

## **EVENT DETAILS.**

**The aims of the Contest are:**

1. Encouraging critical thinking, reflection, creativity and imagination. The contest aims to inspire participants to watch reflectively think critically and write creatively, to use their intellect and imagination to model bringing advanced social and scientific concepts to life through the medium of creative writing.
2. Fostering an appreciation for the humanity's progress (social, scientific, technological). The contest aims to promote values of humanism and democracy, to foster an appreciation for progress by showcasing the wonders and benefits of these fields through the power of creative writing.
3. Promoting scientific literacy. The contest aims to promote scientific literacy by encouraging participants to watch, reflect, learn, research and write about the latest scientific and technological advancements in a way that is engaging and accessible to a wider audience.
4. Motivating watching authentic films to learn English. The contest aims to reveal the potential of authentic films to build up the English language and culture competence, to widen horizons and think globally.
5. Showcasing talent. The contest aims to provide a platform for emerging writers to showcase their talent and creativity in the field of creative writing on topics related to the society' future, progress, development.
6. Providing recognition and rewards. The contest aims to recognize and reward outstanding writing on the suggested issue, providing an incentive for participants to strive for excellence in their writing.

**To participate in the Contest** you are to be a student (pupil) of a senior secondary school or a first year university student.

**The key priorities in the Contest are to:**

- watch reflectively;
- research virtuously;
- think critically;
- write creatively.

**To successfully perform** in the Contest follow these Steps:

1. Understand the task. Write an essay in English related to the offered Film Base within the Year Problem Area suggested. You can write on the suggested essay topic as it is or slightly adapt it still keeping to the Year Problem Area outlined. The essay should be a 300 words piece of writing (font Times New Roman, 14) in a free style. It should be original, creative, engaging, well-reasoned and scientifically relevant, contain arguments, and needs to demonstrate the critical analysis supported with 2-3 cites and references to the sources.

2. Understand the theme. Make sure you fully understand the priorities and the problem area of the contest. This will help you to focus your writing and ensure that your entry is relevant to the competition.

3. Study the film basis. Work with the film-club session suggested (watch the episodes, reflect on the information presented and problems covered, do the tasks, respond to the questions, formulate your ideas, share them with other participants).

Year 2024 film basis is “Interstellar” (2014) by Christopher Nolan.

4. Formulate the topic. In Year 2025 the suggested essay topic is “The Role of Scientific Research and Critical Thinking For the Society’s Development and Technical Progress”. You can come up with the topic of your own that falls in line with the suggested topic area.

5. Make the research and think critically. Take time to watch the full version of the film, to work with the film-club assignments and episodes, to identify the main ideas and messages. Reflect on the session, consider the problems the film club session brings into the focus of your attention in the perspective of the Contest Problem Area. Analyse the material of the film-club session and the film itself, research into the problem in focus, question, analyse, interpret, evaluate and make judgements, relate to the film ideas and details, search for the reliable information to support your opinions and cite in your essay (some supporting facts, scientific data, specialists’ opinions or prominent people’s ideas and words on the problems, etc.). Be virtuous and careful with citing and giving references to the sources used in APA Citation Style (see: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PJQoAYHaXslEGjVPDBFxsq6oRZCp4Ax3/view>). This will help you to create an informed, accurate and original piece of writing, that is related to the film suggested.

6. Plan your writing. Before you begin writing, take some time to plan out your piece. Consider the structure, style, and tone you want to use, and decide on the key points you want to make. Write a plan for your essay. This will help you to create a well-organized and cohesive piece of writing.

7. Showcase your creativity. Don’t be afraid to take risks and be creative with your writing. Use descriptive language, vivid imagery, and unique perspectives to bring your piece to life.

8. Follow the guidelines. Make sure you carefully read and follow the guidelines and rules of the contest. Pay attention to the word count, formatting, and submission deadlines to ensure that your entry is eligible for the competition.

9. Write the draft. Write the first draft and seek feedback from others to help you improve your skills and enhance your creativity.

10. Edit and revise. Once you have finished your first draft, take some time to edit and revise your work. Look for areas where you can tighten your writing, eliminate unnecessary words, and improve the overall flow of your piece. The more you write, the better you will become!

11. Share your ideas and creativity with the world! Once finished, submit your essay to [gerfil@sspu.edu.ua](mailto:gerfil@sspu.edu.ua) with the subject “Film-Based Writing Contest” and the filled application, the template is attached.

**Deadline: April 1, 2025.**

### Заявка

на участь у КОНКУРС ТВОРЧОГО ПИСЬМА ЗА ФІЛЬМОМ:

Переглядай рефлексивно, досліджуй добросовісно, мисли критично, пиши креативно!  
(англійською мовою)

ПІБ автора роботи	
Клас/ курс	
Заклад освіти	
Контактні дані: телефон, e-mail	
Назва роботи, що подається на конкурс	
Дозвіл на публікацію роботи (так/ні)	
ПІБ керівника роботи	
Посада керівника роботи	
Контактні дані керівника роботи	