**TOPICS**

Select one of the following topics:

1. How do you envision how your future personal and professional life and the world being affected by AI. Go into detail.
2. In the past, military and government officials were considered heroes and commemorated with statues resurrected in their honor. Today those individuals are viewed through the lens of today’s societal standards based on their status of slave ownership and lack of sympathy to Native American cultures. These views have resulted in statues being destroyed. Should the focus on the past be based on the cultural norms at the time or current cultural climate? Should the government continue to uphold those monuments, or should they remove them? Share your thoughts on this subject.
3. You’ve read a book, read about someone in the newspaper, or you’ve had an outstanding teacher. Has someone or something influenced the way you think or your whole outlook on life?
4. Martin Luther King had his “I have a dream”. What is your dream for your life, and the world you will live in. Go into detail.
5. Many people view homelessness solely as a big city problem. Do you think that is equally serious in smaller communities? What suggestions do you have to local governments to solve the problem.

**FORMAT**

**The guidelines listed below must be adhered to in the essay.**

1. Use 8.5” by 11” paper

2. Use 12-point font

3. Double space your essay

4. 1” margins on all sides of paper (top, bottom, and each side)

5. Maximum length is 2 pages

**JUDGING**

Members of the Rotary District 6490 Literacy and Education Committee will act as judges of all essays submitted using the following criteria: Originality & Creativity, Subject Knowledge, High Level of Language Usage and Writing Skill, and Conventions (adherence to grammar, spelling, punctuation, format rules, etc.)

DO NOT INCLUDE IN ESSAY: NAME, LOCATION, ROTARY CLUB OR YOUR ESSAY WILL BE REJECTED.

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**Complete ALL sections of this form and include it with your essay.**

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