



# The Unstoppables STORY

## PARTICIPANTS

Any student that is enrolled in AMCO programs currently in their 5th & 6th year of Primary.

## OBJECTIVES

- 1) To develop creative and analytical thinking skills through a written task
- 2) To develop technical writing skills
- 3) To encourage creativity and develop students' unique writing style
- 4) To offer a safe environment for self-expression, reflection and personal growth through a written task
- 5) To provide a community and audience to showcase participant's work

## GUIDELINES

Participants who enter the Flash Fiction Contest will be given a writing prompt. The participants will have until the contest deadline to brainstorm, create and proofread their short story for submission.

They must submit the final copy of their work following these guidelines:

- Contain a Title, Student Name, Grade, School and City/Town
- Typed in Arial, size 12 font and double-spaced in a PDF document
- A minimum of 150 and a maximum of 300 words
- Work must be original, written by the submitter. Plagiarized work or created with AI will result in disqualification.
- Text must be submitted with a drawing.
- Entries must be submitted by **December 15th, 2023**.



All entries must be submitted by **December 15th 2023** before midnight on our website:



Please ensure that your entry follows this outline before submitting it:





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## 2. Checklist

Before you submit your story, make sure you have completed all of these tasks!

- ☐ I brainstormed some ideas, characters, plots, etc, for my story.
- ☐ I wrote my rough draft.
- ☐ I checked for correct spelling and punctuation.
- ☐ I used descriptive adjectives to develop my ideas.
- ☐ I have a clear beginning, middle and end to my story.

## 3. Grounds for Disqualification

Check here for things to avoid. If your story contains any of them, you will be disqualified.

It doesn't follow the format guidelines.

The story (or parts of) are copied, plagiarized or written by someone else.

Contains unnecessary violence with no relevance to the plot of the story.

### REMINDER:

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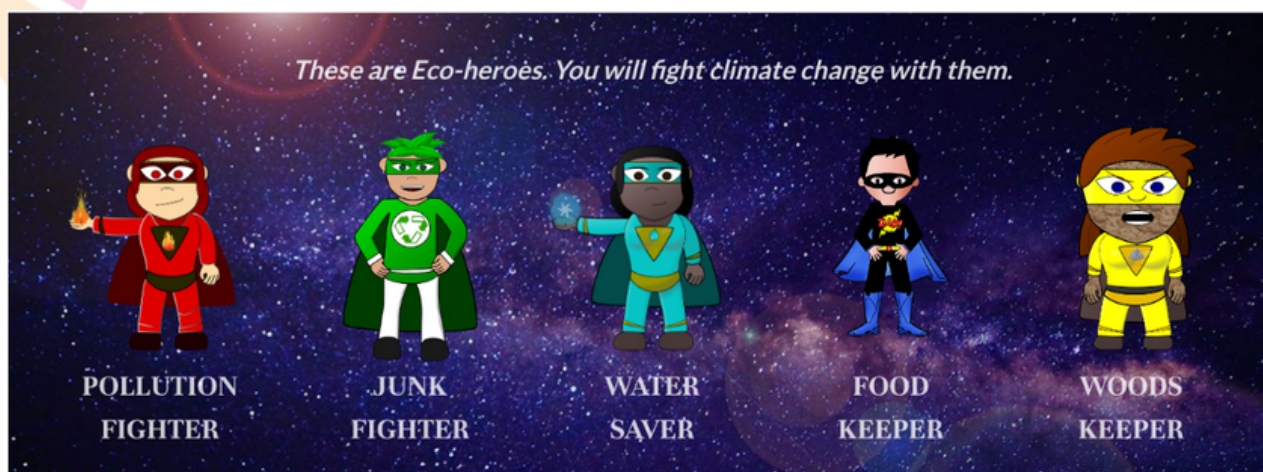


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## WRITING PROMPTS

Participants are asked to write a Creative Short Story using The Unstoppables; students could be inspired by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

But... wait! We want GOOD stories where your creative characters are superheroes that face challenges and solve them with their superpowers.







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## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Once participants have submitted their entries, the judging panel chosen from Tangram Learning Systems personnel, will read and assess all entries. Entries will be divided into two categories:

- Category 1: 5th Grade participants
- Category 2: 6th Grade participants

Each entry will be graded using the following rubric:

	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT
<b>Creativity and Originality</b>	Student effortlessly expresses creativity and their idea has originality that has not been seen before.	Student expresses creativity and brings unique perspective to the theme of the story.	Student expresses creativity but the overall theme of the story is unoriginal.	Student expresses little to no creativity and has copied many ideas from commonly read stories.
<b>Character and Setting development</b>	Reader can fully visualize the characters and setting due to a complete description.	Reader can visualize the characters and setting due to a partial description.	Reader has some information about the characters and setting but can not visualize them due to the description.	Reader is given little information about the characters and setting and therefore can not visualize them.
<b>Text Structure</b>	Story has a clear beginning, middle and end that are fully developed.	Story has 2 fully developed parts of the text structure.	Story has 1 fully developed part of the text structure.	Story lacks structure and does not have a clear beginning, middle or end.
<b>Sentence Structure</b>	Most sentences are correctly constructed with the proper level of difficulty. Any errors found do NOT inhibit the comprehension of the story.	Most sentences are correctly constructed with the proper level of difficulty but these errors make it difficult to understand the story.	Most sentences are correctly constructed with a lower level of difficulty but the errors make it difficult to understand the story.	Most sentences have a lower level of difficulty and are not correctly constructed, making it difficult to understand the story.
<b>Language Use</b>	The writer uses a wide variety of vocabulary, adjectives, synonyms, pronouns, verbs, etc.	The writer uses a small variety of vocabulary, adjectives, synonyms, pronouns, verbs, etc.	The writer uses the same vocabulary, adjectives, synonyms, pronouns, verbs, etc.	The writer uses no variety of vocabulary, adjectives, synonyms, pronouns, verbs, etc.
<b>Spelling and Punctuation</b>	Between 0 and 7 errors found in the text that do NOT inhibit the comprehension of the text.	Between 0 and 7 errors found in the text that do slightly inhibit the comprehension of the story.	Between 8 and 14 errors found in the text that inhibit the comprehension of the story.	More than 14 errors found in the text that makes it very difficult to comprehend the story.





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## SUBMISSION PROCESS

All entries must be submitted by **December 15th 2023** before midnight on our website:

**SUBMIT YOUR  
STORY**



## PRIZES

After carefully reading and assessing all entries using the mentioned rubric, the judging panel will select three winners from each Category.

They will receive the following prizes:



### First place:

Amazon gift card prize worth €350 for education and/or technology



### Second place:

Amazon gift card prize worth €200 for education and/or technology



### Third place:

Amazon gift card prize worth €100 for education and/or technology

The winners from each Category will be announced on  
January 18th.

## Let your imagination soar!