

Essay Winners

My favourite author

Winner

My favourite author is Enid Blyton. She was born in East Dulwich, London in 1897. She was the eldest of three children. Enid Blyton was a trained kindergarten teacher. She opened her own infants' school and later devoted herself to writing. Her first published poem was 'Have you...?' written in 1917. In 1926 she was the editor for a children's magazine. Her stories started to attract a wider audience in 1930. She got married in 1924 and had two daughters named Gillian and Imogen.

Enid Blyton's first children's book, "The Secret Island" was published in 1938. Her most famous series was the "Famous Five", for readers between nine and thirteen years and the "Secret Seven" for aged eight and nine. She was worried about her Alzheimer disease and she died in November 28, 1968.

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Willy, the postman

Winner

My name is Willson. Villagers call me Willy, a postman. I deliver letters for the rich and poor. Not only letters, I deliver bills, invitations, cheques and parcels too. Sometimes I bring you happy or sad news.

I go to the post office in the morning in my bicycle and I collect letters from the post box. Then I start my journey. During my journey I may come across cities, towns and valleys. When I come to your home, I may ring the bell as "tring... tring..." or you may be waiting for me. However, I do my job from morning till afternoon at my best.

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How I spent my vacation

Winner

It was the month of August. The first week school closed for the vacation, students were happy with the sudden freedom they got after three months hard work. I was happy because I came first in my class.

We went to my father's village and had a glorious time. I played with my cousins and other boys in the village. We flew kites in the paddy fields and bathed in the lakes. It was interesting and exciting to be in a free environment in the village, far away from the noisy city life. After spending one week in the village we came happily home.

Then all of a sudden, we got an idea to organise a trip. Our family and my mother's sister's family joined on the trip. It was a one-day trip to Kandy. We worshipped the Sacred Tooth Relic and went to the Peradeniya Botanical gardens and had a nice time.

By and by, the days flew and the vacation was over. I enjoyed the vacation very much. I told my friends about my experience and I am waiting for the next vacation.

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Tea cultivation in Sri Lanka

Winner

Sri Lanka is famous for tea throughout the world. There is a great demand for our tea in the world market.

The tea plantation industry is important to Sri Lanka because the export of tea brings in 60 percent of our foreign exchange.

Tea cultivation was started in Sri Lanka in 1870, during the British era.

Tea grows well in the hill country. It grows well on wet slopes. It needs plenty of rain. It also needs plenty of sunshine.

There are thousands of acres of land under tea cultivation in Sri Lanka. Large tea estates can be seen in Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy, Kegalle and Ratnapura districts. We produce a large quantity of tea every year.

The government has taken steps to develop the tea plantation industry in our country. We export tea to countries in the Middle East, Britain and Australia.

The Tea Research Institute is situated in Lindula, Talawakele. Tea is our biggest foreign exchange earner.

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My favourite cartoon

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My favourite cartoon is 'Oggy and the cockroaches.' It is telecast on the 'Cartoon Network' channel. Oggy is a blue coloured cat who has a red nose. The cockroaches always trouble Oggy. They are Dee Dee, Joey and Mark. Olivia, Jack are some of Oggy's friends who are cats. Bob is an enemy who is a dog.

There are many adventures of Oggy and the cockroaches. 'Go for it', 'Jack, Don't rock and cradle', 'Jealousy', 'Hip Hip Hypnotes' are some of them. My friends also like to watch this cartoon. I don't miss this cartoon any day.

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