

2023 Teen Writing Competition Entries

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My Pedestal

If nothing happens, I'm not thankful
I crave action and progress
I can't just sit there on a broken or boring pedestal
My pedestal needs to be constantly changing, constantly improving

My pedestal doesn't need to be the tallest
My pedestal doesn't need to be the prettiest
My pedestal doesn't need to be the favorite
My pedestal needs to be my own

If something happens, I'm thankful
The action and progress that shapes my pedestal makes life thrilling
I don't strive to keep it the same, because the same isn't good enough
I want to be standing, moving, dancing on a forever changing pedestal

My writing goes here:

One windy night the wind blew hard and everything went dark except one lamp post. It shook 3 times slowly 1, 2 there was a big pause 3. Jack woke up breathing intensely. "That was a weird dream," Jack said.

Jack put on his clothes and came down stairs to eat breakfast "good morning jack" Jack's mom said.

Jack's mom baked him a bowl of cookies that filled the kitchen with a great smell of chocolate. Jack instantly ate a bowl of cookies with milk and then asked his mom "Mom, could I please go outside? I'll be back in an hour," Jack said.

Jack is going to go by the clock tower where he saw his weird dream but when he reached the tower in the distance a weird stench came out of nowhere and it smelled like an old abandoned closet full of old clothes.

When he went closer to the clock there it was the lamp post from his dream, he went closer to it and then suddenly a old man with a captain hat came and sat on the bench right next to the lamp post jack came up to the lamp post to see if it was the same one from his dream but then the old man said " have you heard the story of captain Tory"

Jack replied " no I haven't ".

"Well captain Tory always takes the lamp from this exact light pole and he shakes it 3 Times and his ghost pirate ship appears out of nowhere but this only

