KERA Essay Contest for High School Students

KERA invites high school students across North Texas to participate in an essay contest in which they will choose and interpret a poem by Maya Angelou and describe how it contributes to the understanding of race in the U.S.

The contest opens February 7 and closes February 28.

The top three winners will receive prizes of $150, $100 and $50 and may have their essays published on the KERA website.

The contest is open to high school students attending any public (ISD or charter), private or home school in the KERA broadcast area.

KERA also is providing an educational toolkit of biographical information, video clips of Angelou discussing her life and writing, lesson plans and other materials to help teachers supplement lessons about Maya Angelou.

The contest and toolkit were created to build on Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise, a documentary about Angelou's vibrant life and work that will air on KERA on February 21.

More information about the documentary, contest and toolkit are available at http://www.kera.org/angelou