



Join our creative writing competition to celebrate the 1956 Revolution!

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution, the British Embassy in Budapest has launched **Insights**, a webpage to re-tell the story of the Revolution from the perspective of Hungarian and British staff serving at the British Legation of 1956 at Harmincad utca in Budapest.

The project offers a unique perspective into the events of the 1956 Revolution through reports, formerly “Confidential” telegrams and eyewitness recollections of a Western power – the British Legation – present in Hungary during the Revolution.

We would like to invite you and your students to get inspired by this fascinating resource and take part in our English language creative writing competition.

All you need to do is to encourage and help your students to write a modern day format personal diary or report inspired by the website, and send us the most creative response.

Good luck!

The Task

Imagine that you are witnessing the 1956 revolution and you want to tell people outside of Hungary about your experience. Write a blog for your friends to read, describing what is happening. Write about:

- Why this has happened.
- What you have seen and what is happening.
- How you feel about what is happening.
- Your hopes for the future.

Write between 120 and 200 words.

Don't forget to explore the Insights website for inspiration! Visit the website at www.1956nezopontok.hu/en

Submission deadline

14 November 2016

The Prize

The author of the winning entry will have the chance to visit the British Embassy for a tour, to meet Ambassador Lindsay and receive a 10,000 HUF voucher.

Instructions for Teachers

- Give each class the task and a deadline for completion.
- Do a webquest around the website and identify content and formal elements that are specific to reporting or reflecting to events.
- Select a winner from each class according to the criteria below*. Then select an overall winner to represent the school.
- The winning blog must then be uploaded to the following website: www.britishcouncil.hu
- The British Council will then judge all entrants and select winners.

(1 = Needs improvement; 5 = Excellent)	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity. Is the idea and perspective in the blog unique and fresh?					
Content. Is there a good range of vocabulary and grammatical structures?					
Communicative Achievement. Is the writing easy to follow? Is it in a logical order?					
Organisation. Did the candidate cover all the points? Is everything about the topic?					
Language. Is it informative? Does the student get his/her message across to the reader?					

Advice from Teachers to Students

When writing the blog:

- Think about who the reader is and what they want to know.
- Include an appropriate introduction and conclusion.
- Address all the points in the instructions.
- Do not exceed the maximum number of words.
- Encourage students to be creative, adding photos and images if possible.
- Remember that this is a blog, so write about *your* perspective and *your* thoughts.

Competition rules

- The competition is open to students attending a secondary school in Hungary.
- Only one entry per person is allowed.
- Entries should be submitted in pdf format with maximum size of 4 MB.
- Submission deadline: **14 November 2016**
- Winners will be selected by **21 November 2016**. Competition winner will be notified by e-mail.

- With the submission we ask for the following data: a) name of student, b) age of student, c) name of school, d) name of teacher and e) teacher contact details (telephone number and e-mail address)
- By participating in the competition, participants consent to their personal data being processed by the British Council for the purposes of managing the relationship between the participants and the British Council; communicating with participants to answer their queries about the Competition and communicating with winners and arranging delivery of their prizes.
- Prizes are personal to the winners and cannot be transferred to any third party. Prizes cannot be exchanged for money or any other goods or services.
- Participants will retain copyright in the entry material that they submit to the British Council. By entering the competition each participant grants the British Council, free of charge, permission to use the entry material in any media worldwide for purposes connected with the competition.
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