

Find Your Own Walden

(A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone)

Henry David Thoreau

Creative Literary Contest on the Topic of Mankind's Relationship with Nature.

The Contest will open on Saturday, October 21, 2017, with the live event:

Into the Wild Project

Compagnia degli Allievi del Liceo Sereni di Luino.

Auditorium di Gavirate, ore 10.30 – 12.30

Rules

The competition will be between groups of students (from the same class, or from different classes; maximum of 4 students per group). Applications must be submitted by e-mail to the library, <u>bibliotecastein@gmail.com</u> no later than Tuesday, October 24. The application must include:

Class and Course Team Name List of Participants

Name and E-Mail Address (gmail) of Team Captain

First Phase:

From October 24 to November 7 participants must listen to brief readings in English, collecting ideas about the significance of still-wild lands by writing down key phrases from each reading. Students are encouraged to come up with their own reflections on "wilderness" as well.

Readings will be published each Tuesday and Thursday on the school website and on the library commons board. In each reading there will be key words and/or key phrases which can sum up the author's reflections and which participants must search for and record; in addition each group must, in a single effective sentence, come up with their own interpretations of the texts. Responses must be submitted to the library (bibliotecastein@gmail.com) by the following Monday. The name and class of the team must be included at the bottom of each response.

On Tuesday, November 14, the most significant terms will be published, chosen from those the participants have found.

Second Phase:

From that moment until **Tuesday**, **December 12**, teams are encouraged to produce an original project along the following suggestions (to be produced in English):

- 1. One or more photographs of natural sites, accompanied by quotes or personal reflections.
- 2. A film (maximum length: 4 minutes).
- 3. A written project : narratives, letters etc. Word count of 220-250 or poems.

The best projects will be presented during the award ceremony at the beginning of the second

The Grand Prize

The teams which have produced the best elaborations will take part in a visit to the *Salone del Libro di Torino*, the most important book fair in Italy, which will take place in May 2018 or, in alternative, will enjoy a nice happening in spring, inherent to the competition themes.