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## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY DRAMATIC READING CONTEST

### CONTEST GUIDELINES

Black History Dramatic Reading Contest

A Celebration of Black History Month

Sponsored by the Josephine School Community Museum –  
Clarke County African American Cultural Center

Contest is open to students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5

Reading selections must be taken from a published work of fiction, poetry, and folklore, history of biography written by or about African-Americans. Excerpts may be used.

### **Reading selections should be timed as follows:**

Grade 2 Not less than **1** minute nor more than **3** minutes

Grade 3 Not less than **1** minute nor more than **3** minutes

Grades 4&5 Not less than **2** minutes nor more than **4** minutes

### **Readers will introduce themselves to the audience:**

Give name, school and grade

Give title of reading selection

### **Readers will be judged on the following criteria:**

1. Choice of selection (20 points)

- Selection is age appropriate
- Meets criteria mentioned above
- Meets time requirements

2. Interpretation (60 points)

- Enunciates and pronounce words clearly
- Reads with expression
- Reads from the text (not memorized)
- Helps audience enjoy and understand literary work

3. General stage presence (20 points)

- Neat appearance
- Stands with good posture
- Makes eye contact with audience

Judges will be community members with an interest in education, leadership and literature.

Prizes will be awarded for the best readers in each grade level. Every participant will receive a certificate.

For more information contact: Josephine School and Community Museum  
(540) 955-5512 or email [jschool515@verizon.net](mailto:jschool515@verizon.net)

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# 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY DRAMATIC CONTEST

BLACK HISTORY DRAMATIC READING CONTEST  
JOSEPHINE SCHOOL COMMUNITY MUSEUM  
CLARKE COUNTY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Saturday, February 17, 2018  
1:30 PM

Open to students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5.  
Selection must be from stories, poems, folktales, or essays by or about  
African-Americans  
Certificates and prizes awarded to contestants.

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I would like to participate in the Black History Dramatic Reading Contest:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to read the following poem, story, folktale, or essay:

Selection \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher, if known \_\_\_\_\_

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**My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Black  
History Dramatic Reading Contest.**

**Parent's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by Friday, February 9, 2018 to:**

Josephine School Community Museum

PO Box 423

Berryville, Va. 22611

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