



BANDSLAM CONTEST GUIDELINES

Students have the option of submitting a one-page written entry of the following BANDSLAM contest categories:

1. Write a one-page synopsis of a sequel to BANDSLAM.
2. Write a one-page new scene that might be included in BANDSLAM.
3. Write a one-page dialogue between two or more characters in BANDSLAM.
4. Write a one-page flashback experienced by a character in BANDSLAM.
5. Write a one-page explanation of how one or more themes underlie BANDSLAM.
6. Choose your favorite character from BANDSLAM and explain your choice in one page.

To enter the BlueNose Awards, students must either fill out the BlueNose Entry Form or provide the equivalent information on a form of your own creation. Each page of every entry must be identified with the Student's, Teacher's, and School's name (multi-page entries should be numbered in an obvious way).

Each BlueNose entry should be a one-page written submission inspired by your class activities. It's a pretty wide-open assignment so that teachers and students can have the maximum flexibility to teach and learn. Here is a set of guidelines that includes a few of the main things that we will be looking for when we select winning BlueNose Awards entries.

The IDEA:

- *This is the big one, of course. Ideas will be judged on originality and on how compelling our judges – all experienced educators and film-industry professionals – find them to be.*

FORM. We will look for:

- *Complete sentences (occasional fragments OK for style)*
- *Good word choice*
- *Correct spelling*
- *Correct mechanics, such as punctuation, paragraphing, etc.*
- *Neatness (both for handwritten and for typed entries)*

STYLE. We will look for:

- *A strong opening*
- *A strong closing*
- *A logical or creative structure*
- *A sense of the writer's voice*

Teacher's Notes:

Teachers are welcome to add some notes to students' entries, e.g., "This was a timed activity; students had 30 minutes to write," that help us understand the educational context in which the student's work was created. Or you may instruct your students to fill in the "Teacher's Note" with this kind of information.

NOTE:

All entries must be postmarked no later than **June 15, 2009**. Please collect your students' entries and submit in **one** envelope per teacher or per school and mail to: **BlueNose Edutainment, 127 W. Fairbanks Ave. #523, Winter Park, FL 32789.**

