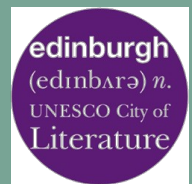
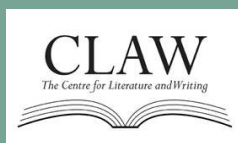


"Men are born with various manias: from my earliest childhood, it was mine to make a plaything of imaginary series of events; and as soon as I was able to write, I became a good friend to the paper maker"

(RLS, "My First Book: Treasure Island", The Idler 6 [August 1894])

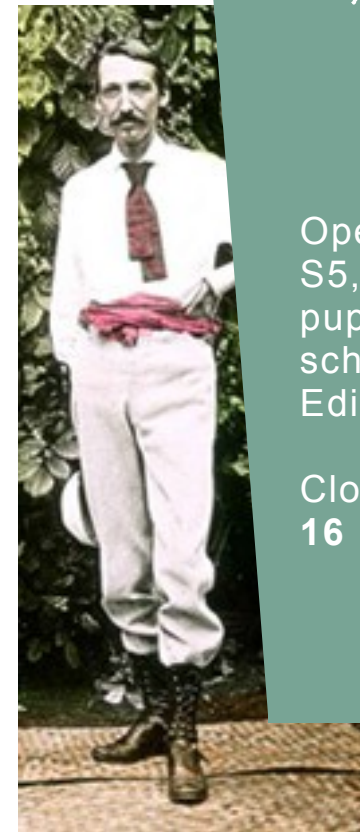


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Robert Louis Stevenson

Creative Writing Competition



Open to S4, S5, and S6 pupils at schools in Edinburgh

Closing date:
16 March 2012

Image of RLS courtesy of Mark Butterworth

Competition instructions

Candidates should submit **one** piece of writing drawn from **one** of the following categories:

Fiction, Reflective Writing, Poetry

The piece submitted should be directly stimulated by Stevenson's writing or some aspect of his life. Candidates will write a brief paragraph describing this stimulus and how it has influenced them to write.

We encourage entries written in Scots or in English.

Prose items should be no more than 1500 words, poetry to fit on one side of A4, single spaced.

Seeking ideas? Visit the **Edinburgh Writers' Museum** (www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk) and www.robert-louis-stevenson.org

Aims of the competition

The project has two aims:

1. to increase awareness and deepen interest in the life and works of Robert Louis Stevenson among senior pupils in Edinburgh's secondary schools.
2. to support the ongoing development of pupils' creative writing skills in which schools are already engaged.

Prizes for the competition

The entries will be judged by an established professional writer, provisionally James Robertson for 2011/12. Up to twelve candidates will be selected to participate in a **writing workshop** led by an experienced writer. All those selected will receive a certificate and **a year's free membership** of the Edinburgh Robert Louis Stevenson Club.

In addition, **four individual awards** are available for Fiction; Reflective Writing; Poetry; and Writing in Scots (in any of these three forms).

Prize-giving

Certificate and prizes will be presented at a buffet reception at Edinburgh Napier University in June 2012.

The winning entries may be **considered for publication** in the Journal for Stevenson Studies and for **posting on www.robert-louis-stevenson.org**

The services of two secondary English teachers are required to assist the writer leading the workshop. All teachers whose pupils receive an award will be invited to the prize-giving buffet.



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