



Write an Essay ~ Win Prizes

Essay Topic - The Value of a Single Human Life

Think of a person in your life whose unique qualities you have come to appreciate and then write an essay about why you are glad that person was born.

Some ideas: a coach, teacher, friend, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, etc

The contest is open to all in grades 6 through 12:

Submission Guidelines

- Please include student's full name, full mailing address, phone number, grade level and date of birth, the name and contact information for a parent or guardian, and the name of the sponsoring school, church or homeschooling program.
- Essays must be between 300 and 500 words in length.
- Essays must be submitted by November 18, 2024.
- Please email your essay to vrlc@vrlc.net and put Essay Contest in the subject line.
- Essays will be judged on originality, content and sincerity.

Essay Contest Prizes!

- First Place: \$500.00
- Second Place: \$300.00
- Third Place: \$200.00

Group Prize:

\$1,000.00

In addition to individual essay prizes, a drawing will be held to award a group prize for an Independent School, Christian School, Catholic School, Sunday School, Homeschool Co-op, or any Religious Educational Program that submits at least 5 essay entries.

For more information, please email Mary H. Beerworth at mary@vrlc.net



Little Ones

Older Ones

Vulnerable Ones

Every One

Which one are you?

- See Inside**
- Will the Quiz answers surprise you?
 - Essay Contest with 100's of \$\$\$ in prizes
 - Vermont Pregnancy Resources - offering help and hope

“Every life is precious to God. God created every one of us. He gave us a soul, and that soul will live as long as God lives.”
— Franklin Graham

“Abortion has divided our nation like no other issue in recent times. The Bible places the highest value on human life. It is sacred and of inestimable worth to God, who created it “in His own image.” The Bible recognizes the unborn as being fully human.”
— Billy Graham

“The Bible says, “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works... My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret” (Psalm 139:13-15, NASB).
— Billy Graham



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QUIZ YOUR KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION #1

At what point in pregnancy does an unborn baby's heart begin to beat regularly?

- 5 months in utero
- 6 weeks in utero
- At the moment the baby is born
- 3-4 weeks, or 24 days after fertilization

Answer: d. an unborn baby's heart begins to beat regularly at just 24 days after fertilization, and can be heard through a sonogram at 6 weeks.

QUESTION #2

In Vermont, 217 animals and plants are protected by law. How many Vermont laws include legal recognition of the humanity of an unborn child?

- 0 (zero) state laws
- 5 state laws
- 30 state laws

Answer: a. There are no legal protections at any point in pregnancy for unborn babies in Vermont.

QUESTION #3

In order to place your child for adoption, you must relinquish the right to ever see your child again.

- True
- False

Answer: False. In Vermont, you have the legal right to be involved in choosing the adoptive parents; and, while placing your child in a loving adoptive home, you can arrange to still be involved through pictures, updates and even visits. If you prefer, you can opt for a confidential adoption where your privacy is protected.

QUESTION #4

How many Pregnancy Resource Centers serve Vermonters?

- 3
- 7
- 10

Answer: c. There are currently 10 non-profit centers that offer assistance to young girls, women and families in Vermont, throughout pregnancy and beyond – providing free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, maternity and baby clothes, pregnancy and parenting classes.

QUESTION #5

Who are the most vulnerable populations in Vermont?

- People with disabilities, the elderly, and those who are terminally ill
- Those who are unborn and at risk for abortion
- Unborn victims of criminal acts
- All of the above

Answer: d. All of the above. In Vermont, abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy; the elderly and terminally-ill can legally access a lethal dose to end their lives prematurely and may be under pressure to do so (for lack of financial support, lack of access to good health care, loneliness, depression, disability and more); Vermont does not recognize an unborn child as a human being even if that much-wanted child dies in the womb due to a criminal act (a drug- or alcohol-impaired driver, blunt force trauma or other acts of violence against a pregnant woman or child, etc.)

QUESTION #6

The state of Vermont gives financial support to:

- Pregnancy Resource Centers
- Planned Parenthood
- Both a) and b)

Answer: b. Planned Parenthood is a billion-dollar corporation that receives taxpayer dollars from the federal government and state governments, while Pregnancy Resource Centers receive NO taxpayer dollars but rely primarily on local charitable contributions to support what they do.

QUESTION #7

Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in the state of Vermont.

- True
- False

Answer: a. True. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England commit 90% of the abortions in the state of Vermont.

QUESTION #8

How can I earn money as a pro-life student?

Answer: Write an essay on "The Value of a Single Human Life"! – see page 4.



Loving Sisters

"I wish I had known about places like this years ago, before I had my abortion."

– "Marie"
Colchester, VT

MISSION: "Aspire growth and embrace life together."
VISION: "Aspire Now envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy and relationship decisions are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered to choose abundant life for their unborn children, themselves and their families."

– Deb Couture,
Executive Director

"Where We Do Life With Each Other"

Branches Pregnancy Center in Brattleboro

– Jean Marie Davis,
Executive Director



"I'm holding my baby right now because of you." Stowe, VT (This client sought abortion but couldn't go through with it and was counseled and supported through her pregnancy by PRC volunteers.)

– "Faith" Stowe, VT

"That's my baby! I'm going to have my baby, even if I have to do it by myself." (Client's reaction when she first saw her baby on the ultrasound.)

– "Hope" Milton, VT

"You are carrying my grandchild in there. You are carrying precious cargo!" (Grandmother to son's pregnant girlfriend.)

– "Charity"
North Clarendon, VT

"I truly thought I was okay...I didn't think I needed further healing, but the fellowship and encouragement from fellow believers revealed to me further how Jesus works through others to show us His grace and abounding love. I realized that I really did need healing. I don't believe words can express the gratitude I have for Aspire." (Client who experienced post-abortion healing and counseling.)



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