

World Storytelling Competition '26

The Global Stage for Young Voices (Kindergarten - Grade 12)

Embark on a "tell-a-tale" journey.



Deadline: July 31st, 2026

From Imagination to the Screen

Storytelling is an essential part of every child's development.



Expression

Develop language skills and confidence.



Creativity

Spark imagination and explore new worlds.



Empathy

Gain a deeper understanding of different cultures and perspectives.



Competition Snapshot



Format

Online Video
Submission
(Pre-recorded)



Eligibility

Kindergarten to
Grade 12 (Global)



Fee

US\$10 per entry



Critical Date

Last Date To
Submit: 31st July
2026

Platform

YouTube (Public) or Google Drive (Open Access)

The Junior Tellers

Kindergarten – Grade 2

Category A (KG – Below Grade 1)

Time Limit: Up to 2 minutes.

***Inspiration*:**

- The Little Red Hen
- The Three Little Pigs
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Category B (Grade 1 – 2)

Time Limit: 2 – 3 minutes.

***Inspiration*:**

- The Rainbow Fish
- Corduroy
- The Giving Tree

Choose a classic, recite your favorite, or
create your own story!



The Rising Narrators

Category C (Grades 3 – 5)



Guidelines

Time Limit: 3 – 4 minutes.

Themes: Magic, Morality, and Adventure.



Inspiration Board

- *The Paper Bag Princess* (Robert Munsch)
- *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*
- *Where the Wild Things Are* (Maurice Sendak)
- *The Selfish Giant* (Oscar Wilde)
- *The Emperor's New Clothes* (Hans Christian Andersen)

The Master Storytellers

Grades 6 – 12

Category D (Grade 6 – 8)

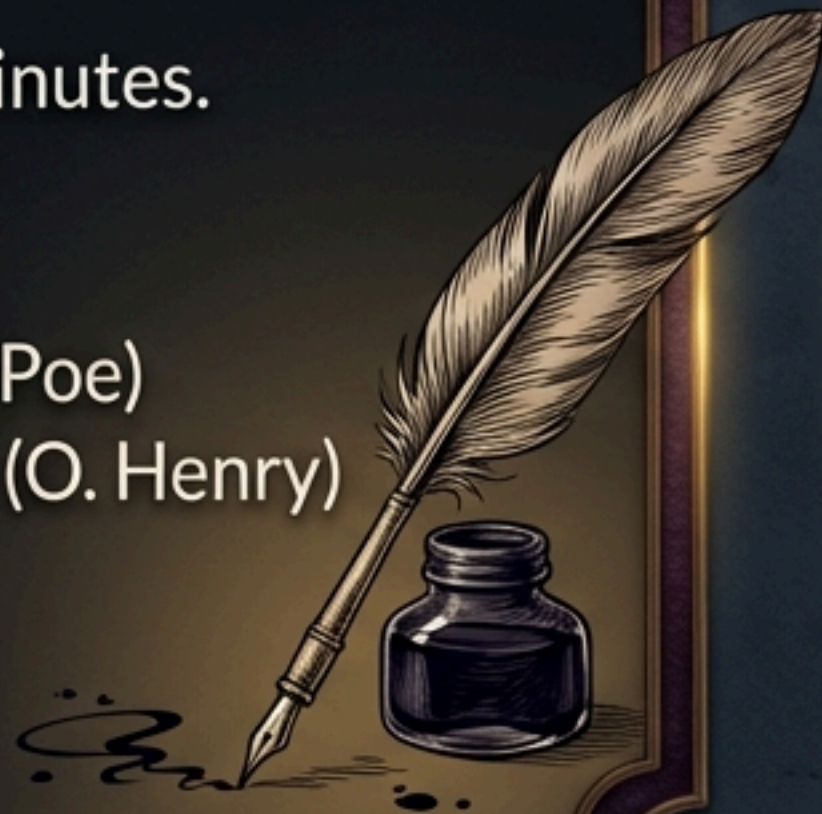
Time Limit: 3 – 4 minutes.

Inspiration:

The Tell-Tale Heart (Poe)

The Gift of the Magi (O. Henry)

The Monkey's Paw



Category E (Grade 9 – 12)

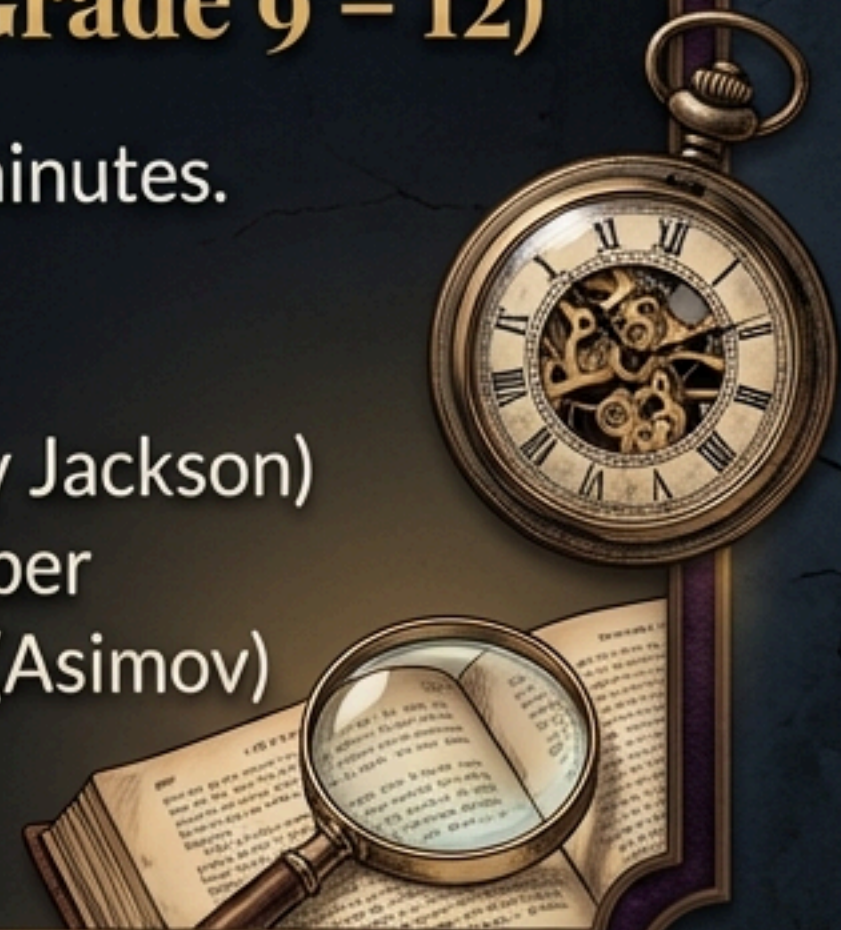
Time Limit: 4 – 6 minutes.

Inspiration:

The Lottery (Shirley Jackson)

The Yellow Wallpaper

The Last Question (Asimov)



The Production Rules

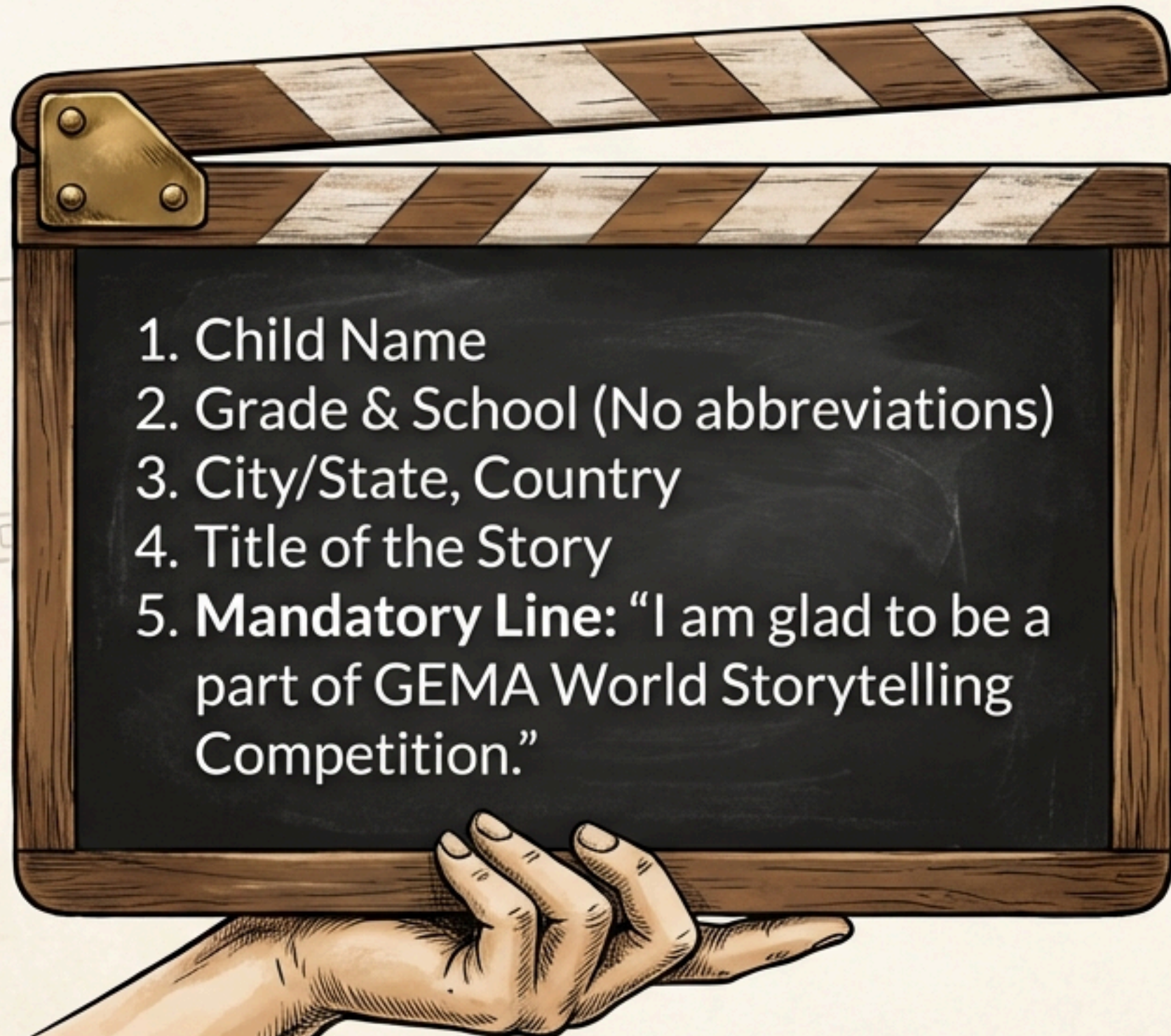
Technical Guidelines for Qualification



*The quality of the storytelling performance will be judged,
not the quality of the video or filming technique.*

The “5-Second Intro” Script

All entries must begin with this introduction sequence:

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- A hand is holding a wooden clapperboard with a blackboard surface. The clapperboard has a striped top bar and a brass hinge. The background features faint illustrations of film reels and film strips.
1. Child Name
 2. Grade & School (No abbreviations)
 3. City/State, Country
 4. Title of the Story
 5. **Mandatory Line:** “I am glad to be a part of GEMA World Storytelling Competition.”

The Scoring Rubric

What the Judges Are Looking For



Language

Pronunciation, enunciation, stress, coherence, and rhythm.



Presentation

Body language, expression, and emotion.



Creativity

Making the story come alive (Props, costumes, and backgrounds are encouraged!).

The decision of the judges is final.

Your Path to Submission



1. Register

Fill the form on the website & Pay US\$10.
Tip: Save your Transaction ID.



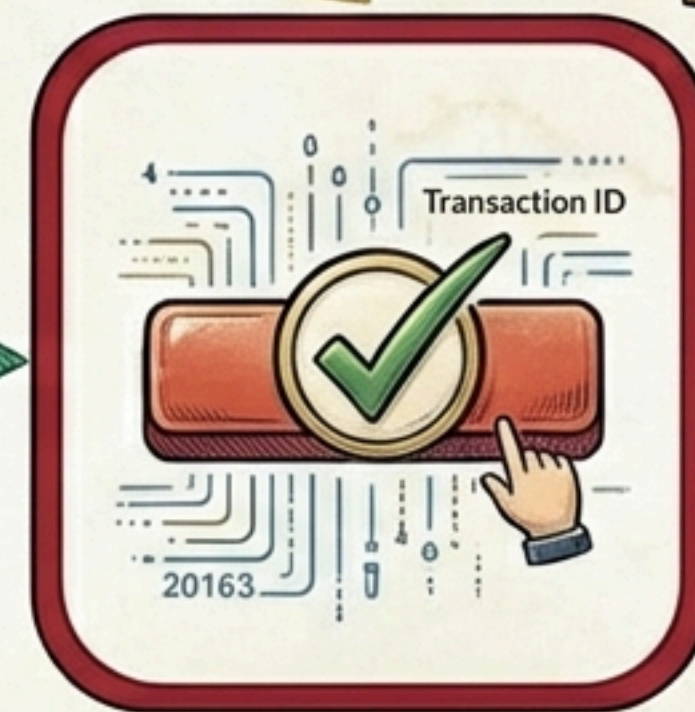
2. Record

Film the story + the mandatory intro.



3. Upload

Upload to YouTube (Set to 'Public') or Google Drive (Share as 'View' for all).



4. Submit

Return to the form, enter your Transaction ID and the Video Link.

Awards & Recognition



- **For Everyone**

Participation Certificate for every entrant.

- **For Category Winners**

Top 3 in each category receive a Trophy and Winner Certificate.

- **For Schools**

School Level Winners Trophy (for schools with 50+ registrations).

Information for Schools

Bulk Submission Process



1. Collect
student
entries.



2. Fill the
'Submission
Format' (Excel
available for
download).



3. Email to:
contact@world
storytelling
competition.com



4. Receive
a combined
payment link for
one-step fee
payment.

Need Assistance?



WhatsApp Support:
+971-527809450



Critical Reminder

Ensure video links are open/public.
Videos without viewing permissions
will be disqualified automatically.



Certificate Note

Use the full name of the school and
branch (no abbreviations) as this will
be printed on the certificate.



Your Story Starts Here.

Register by July 31st, 2026



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