



## Do You Want to Know?

Grade level: Grade 8

Return to:

NIEW Liaison \_\_\_\_\_

by (date) \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge:** You are in a room with no distractions. The door is locked; the walls are white. There is one chair on which you sit. On the table in front of you is a piece of paper. You know on the reverse side of the paper is written the date you will eventually die. You are in the room for one hour only and can never return to it. Would you turn the paper over and read it? Choose specific details and reasons to support your topic sentence. Write, edit and revise carefully. You want to present your ideas clearly and observe the rules of grammar and spelling.

**Common Core Standards:** CC.1.4.7.A / CC.1.4.8.A Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information clearly. CC.1.4.7.B / CC.1.4.8.B Identify and introduce the topic clearly, including a preview of what is to follow.

**Common Core Eligible Content:** E07.C.1.2.3 Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. E07.C.1.2.4 Use precise language and domain vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

**Notes to the teacher:** This information is for teacher use and is NOT part of the contest.

Discuss how people might change their behavior if they knew how long they would live. Would their reaction change depending on how long they would live? Would they consider other people's feelings when making the decision? Would having just had this one chance to find out affect their decision?

**Limit:** One entry per student, with a suggested range of 250 to 400 words.

**Preparation of entries:** Entries should be typed, printed, or written on an 8½ x11 inch paper. All entries must be legible.

**The following information must be provided on the back of each entry:** Student's name, age, grade, school, teacher, **word count** and NIEW liaison. Don't include the title in the word count.

**Criteria:** Content, organization, development of the idea, grammar, spelling and other conventions of language.

**Awards:** First-place winner will receive a check for \$30; second-place, \$20; third-place, \$10. These three winning entries will be reproduced in the Design-an-Ad supplement in the Tuesday, March 7, issue of The Republican-Herald.

**Deadline:** All entries must undergo preliminary judging at the school. Top entries must arrive at The Republican-Herald no later than Tuesday, January 10, to allow time for judging and production work.