

# ESSAY CONTEST TO MARK THE NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING

The Virgin Islands Writing Project (VIWP), a partnership among the Virgin Islands Department of Education, the National Writing Project, and the University of the Virgin Islands, will mark the second National Day on Writing on October 20 by sponsoring an essay contest.

All junior high students, high school students, and UVI students are invited to participate in the essay contest on the following topic:

"Writing and writing competence are essential to the way we live." (NWP)

Write an essay of a minimum of 500 words on the quotation.

## **Contest Rules:**

- 1. The essays will be judged by a committee of readers from various schools and UVI.**
- 2. Essays must be typed in blue or black ink, double spaced, 12 font, with one inch margins.**
- 3. The student's name should be written on the title page only. Include the name of the school, teacher, grade, and a telephone number.**
- 4. The essays will be graded using the following criteria:**
  - Focus**
  - Support**
  - Organization and Format**
  - Language Use, Style, and Conventions**
  - Originality**
- 5. The first, second, and third place winners in each category will receive prizes, some of which will be awarded at the VIWP's Conference on Literacy on Monday, November 1, 2010. Essay winners will be notified by October 29. St. Croix winners must receive their prizes in person at the Literacy Conference. On St. Thomas/St. John, prizes will be awarded at the November meeting of the VIWP.**
- 6. Essay Deadline: Essays must be submitted as pdf or doc files via email to: [vcombie@uvi.edu](mailto:vcombie@uvi.edu). All essays must be received by 10:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010.**