

# 北加州高中 12 年級時勢作文比賽

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**比賽辦法：** Write a 500 to 750 word, typed, double-spaced essay responding to one of the prompts below. All entries are required to have a cover letter with the name of the entrant, contact number, email, and address. All sources must be cited with proper citation practices, whichever you choose. Please submit all entries by Nov.10, 2009.

**參賽資格：** 所有北加州高中 12 年級學生，每人限投稿一篇

**比賽類別：** 經濟、政治、科技、醫療、環保五類，題目如下：

## **Economics/Business:**

“It is not the strongest species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones who are most responsive to change.” –Charles Darwin

Those who can adapt and “roll with the punches” are inevitably more resilient than others in most areas of life. But what about business? To what extent do businesses need to be flexible and responsive to the needs of consumers? To the global state of the economy? In what areas of business is adaptability most needed? In what lines of work is it worthwhile to be more consistent in one’s practices, and therefore not as flexible? Feel free to be as creative, focused, or broad as you like in your response.

## **Engineering/Technology**

“The well being of the world largely depends upon the work of the engineer. There is a great future and unlimited scope for the profession; new work of all kinds are and will be required in every country, and for a young man of imagination and keenness I cannot conceive a more attractive profession. Imagination is necessary as well as scientific knowledge.” –Sir William Halcrow, English Civil Engineer

Engineering and other technologically oriented disciplines inevitably have a stigma attached to their students and practitioners: they’re robotic, devoid of creativity, and desperately lacking in imagination. Do you see this criticism as warranted? If not, why not? In what fashion do you see creativity inserting itself into the technological process?

## **Medicine**

“The greatest mistake in the treatment of diseases is that there are physicians for the body and physicians for the soul, although the two cannot be separated.” –Plato

In the age of mechanization, the administration of medicine has strayed away from a humanistic discipline and moved more toward a methodology that focuses on simply “fixing the problem.” How does this “assembly line” approach to medicine bode for the medical field at large? In other words, how important is a bedside manner versus a “quick fix”? In what way do you envision the medical field changing, if at all, in order to accommodate the burgeoning aging baby boomer population? How does all of this play into the section of the Hippocratic Oath that dictates doctors should “do no harm”?

### **Political Science/Social Studies**

“Anyone that wants the presidency so much that he’ll spend two years organizing and campaigning for it is not to be trusted with the office.” –David Broder, Journalist

The 2008 Presidential election was one of the most historical events in American history. In some ways, it promised hope, change, and a new perspective on America’s place in the global community. While this may all be true, America holds a nearly instinctive distrust of politicians. Is this distrust warranted? If so, to what extent? Do you see a change on the horizon? Has America’s “War on Terror” shifted the approach that politicians need to take to high-level political offices? You can address this question in terms of local, state, or federal officials and their policies.

### **Global Warming**

“What changed in the United States with Hurricane Katrina was a feeling that we have entered a period of consequences.” –Al Gore

Global Warming has been one of the “third rails” of American politics for the past decade. With more evidence – both in scientific and practical terms – that the phenomenon exists, what tacks should we take in order to reduce the threat? Should the approach be one of “care of Mother Earth”? Should it be more utilitarian? Should economic factors be the sole determinants of how we address this issue? Use specific examples as well as broad ideas.

參賽獎項：各類別分別設第一名、第二名、第三名及佳作，得獎人由各級議員及北加州華人傳播媒體協會頒發獎狀。

收件時間：即日起至 11 月 10 日止(以郵戳為憑)

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