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Griffin RESA is pleased to announce the 2026 Regional Winners of the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition. Winning entries from the RESA level will now move on to the state-level competition for another round of judging. State winners will be announced in May.

This writing contest, sponsored by the Georgia Language Arts Supervisors and the Georgia RESA Network with support from the Georgia Department of Education Georgia, is open to students in grades K-12 and includes all types of writing such as short stories, poetry, essays, research reports, and other forms. The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors (YGA) writing competition is to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, to provide a context to celebrate their writing successes, and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics.

**Congratulations to the following
 Regional Winners 2026 Young Georgia Authors
 Writing Competition**

Grade	Student	School	School System
K	Tycen Roberts	Crescent Elementary School	Griffin-Spalding
1	Abrielle Hughes	Jackson Elementary School	Butts
2	Thomas Allan	Oak Hill Elementary School	Newton
3	Tanner Hardy	Pike County Elementary	Pike
4	Noah Tillery	Crabapple Lane Elementary	Fayette
5	Alana Holliday	Pike County Elementary	Pike
6	Alayna Wilson	Rehoboth Road Middle School	Griffin-Spalding
7	Manov Rao	Eagles Landing Middle School	Henry
8	Javion Mason	Hampton Middle School	Henry
9	Aaliyah Wilson	A. Z. Kelsey Academy	Griffin-Spalding
10	Ariana Morelos- Parks	Woodland High School	Henry
11	Kyiana Andrews	Newton College and Career Academy	Newton
12	Charlton Smith, Jr.	Jackson High School	Butts

