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Griffin RESA is pleased to announce the 2022 Regional Winners for the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition. Winning entries from the RESA level will now move on to state-level competition for another round of judging. State winners will be announced in July.

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, essay, research reports, and other forms. The purpose of 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  
 2022 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School System</b>
<b>K</b>	Riley Almond	Mansfield Elementary	Newton
<b>1</b>	Ella Carter	Inman Elementary	Fayette
<b>2</b>	Scarlett Sanders	Lamar County Primary	Lamar
<b>3</b>	Evy Miller	Pike County Elementary	Pike
<b>4</b>	Sofia Caldwell	Braelinn Elementary	Fayette
<b>5</b>	Thinudi Wickramage	East Lake Elementary	Henry
<b>6</b>	Scout Woodall	Lamar County Middle	Lamar
<b>7</b>	Dayana Martinez	Union Grove Middle	Henry
<b>8</b>	Aisha Derico	Upson-Lee Middle	Thomaston-Upson
<b>9</b>	Jamey Carrington	Pike County High	Pike
<b>10</b>	Kennedi Leary	Newton High	Newton
<b>11</b>	Sophie Sara Helena Morton	Eastside High	Newton
<b>12</b>	Ansley Standridge	Locust Grove High	Henry