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Griffin RESA is pleased to announce the 2023 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 by 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  
 2023 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School System</b>
<b>K</b>	Luiz Martinez	Jackson Elementary	Butts
<b>1</b>	Naomi Wright	New Hope Elementary	Henry
<b>2</b>	Dera Ezeike	Red Oak Elementary	Henry
<b>3</b>	Natalie Slagle	Pike County Elementary	Pike
<b>4</b>	Carlos Peña Martinez	Newton County Theme School	Newton
<b>5</b>	Lila Ingram	Daughtry Elementary	Butts
<b>6</b>	Skye Oduaran	Kennedy Road Middle	Griffin-Spalding
<b>7</b>	Harper Cafferty	Ola Middle	Henry
<b>8</b>	Elise Miklas	Pike County Middle	Pike
<b>9</b>	Aisha Derico	Upson-Lee High	Thomaston-Upson
<b>10</b>	Brianna Ryan	Newton College & Career Academy	Newton
<b>11</b>	Jayda Payne	Eastside High	Newton
<b>12</b>	Cameron Barnard	Woodland High	Henry