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Griffin RESA is pleased to announce the 2024 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  
 2024 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition**

| <b>Grade</b> | <b>Student</b>   | <b>School</b>                   | <b>School System</b> |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>K</b>     | Kyleigh Gardner  | Red Oak Elementary              | Henry                |
| <b>1</b>     | Bella Grimmage   | Peoples Elementary              | Fayette              |
| <b>2</b>     | Akari Roache     | Porterdale Elementary           | Newton               |
| <b>3</b>     | Alana Holliday   | Pike County Elementary          | Pike                 |
| <b>4</b>     | Hawa Sagara      | South Salem Elementary          | Newton               |
| <b>5</b>     | Hailey Frame     | Inman Elementary                | Fayette              |
| <b>6</b>     | Allyson Green    | Impact Academy                  | Henry                |
| <b>7</b>     | Lily Kate Murray | Rehobeth Road Middle            | Griffin-Spalding     |
| <b>8</b>     | Willow Nowak     | Henderson Middle                | Butts                |
| <b>9</b>     | Chastin Haynes   | Upson Lee High School           | Thomaston-Upson      |
| <b>10</b>    | Victoria Barrett | Newton High                     | Newton               |
| <b>11</b>    | Malorie Jackson  | Eastside High                   | Newton               |
| <b>12</b>    | Yankiel Garrido  | Newton College & Career Academy | Newton               |