

The News Literacy Project's <u>PitchIt! Texas student contest</u> is not your typical student competition. It offers a multi-layered challenge that encourages middle and high school students to explore various facets of their creativity. From honing their writing skills to presenting ideas to a panel of journalists, this competition is a platform for students to think outside the box.

By participating in PitchIt!, students enhance their academic skills and develop a deeper understanding of real-world issues. The educational empowerment embedded in this competition aims to inspire the next generation of thinkers, communicators, and change-makers through news literacy concepts.

Participating in PitchIt! is easy and can seamlessly integrate into your curriculum. The competition structure and NLP's free resources allow educators to incorporate it into various subjects, making it a versatile tool for enhancing students' skills across disciplines. The winning entries will be recognized and rewarded, offering students a sense of accomplishment and motivation to continue exploring their talents. Prizes for students and teachers!

Student essay deadline: April 15, 2024.

For additional details, please visit <u>NewsLit.org</u> or complete our <u>RSVP educator form</u>. **Questions?** Contact Sara Gonzales, saraegonzales@katyisd.org, or join the <u>NewsLitNation Facebook Group</u> for additional support.