



2010 National Shakespeare Competition

The English-Speaking Union of the United States

To: Colorado High School English and Drama Teachers

From: Kitty Comstock, Denver Branch Secretary

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Plans are now underway for the 2010 Shakespeare Competition. We would like to express our deep appreciation to those of you who participated last year. You were part of a national effort involving 16,000 students and over 2,000 teachers. If you have not yet taken part in our Competition, we hope that you will consider offering this exciting and worthwhile program in your school.

You will find all the materials necessary to familiarize you with the Competition and enable you to encourage the participation of your students on the Denver ESU website: www.esuus.org/branches/Denver You will find:

- **An Invitation to Students**—This flyer can be reproduced and posted to encourage the participation of your students.
- **Instructions for School Competition**—This document will provide you with the rules and guidelines necessary for organizing your own school competition.
- **Student Guidelines**—This will help students as they prepare their monologues and sonnets.
- **2010 Suggested Monologues**—**The text of each monologue must be limited to 20 lines (verse or prose).** The suggested monologues adhere to this rule. The official text and suggested monologues will be posted on our website, www.esuus.org, in September.
- **School Participation Form**—This form must be returned to the Denver Branch at 6790 E. Cedar Ave. #201, Denver, CO 80224-1166 (303-755-1752) by November 19, 2009 if your school wishes to participate in the 2010 Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition (email to Denver@esuus.org).
- **Branch Competition Entry Form**—Once your school competition is over, use the Branch Competition Entry Form to provide us with your school winner's information. This form must be returned to the Denver Branch by January 29, 2010 (email to Denver@esuus.org)

Your school winner will then compete at the Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition on February 28, 2010. Time and Venue to be announced.

The Denver Branch winner will be awarded an all-expense-paid trip to New York City for the National Competition at Lincoln Center. In addition to the opportunity to compete, the ESU Branch winner enjoys a weekend of workshops and sightseeing in New York, and the chance to meet 60 other Branch winners from around the country. First prize for the winner of the National Shakespeare Competition is a summer acting course at the British American Drama Academy (BADA) in Great Britain. Second prize is a \$1,000 cash award, and third prize is \$500 from the Shakespeare Society.

Thank you for your interest in our Shakespeare Competition. We look forward to working with you this year.

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