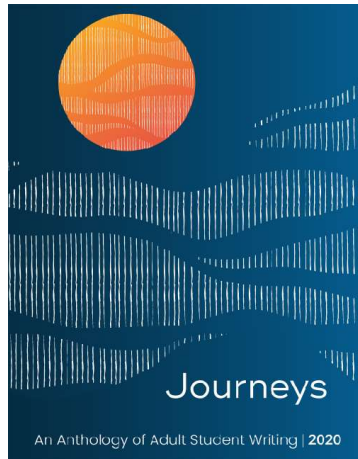
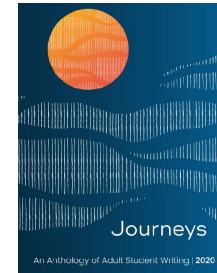


Journeys 2021

*Call for
Submissions!*



2021 will be *Journeys'*
32nd annual year in print!



In this video, you'll learn about...

- *Journeys* submission process
- *Journeys* 8-lesson curriculum unit



UPDATED FOR
COVID-19!
Lessons updated
with activity
modifications for
remote instruction!

In this video, you'll learn about...

- "Letters About Literature" submission opportunity.



- A new *Journeys* publication:



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JOURNEYS SUBMISSION STEPS:

1. Review the Journeys 2021 Submission Guidelines
2. Consider participating in this year's special theme, "Letters About Literature"
3. Prepare to submit: view the Preview of Webform Fields
4. Submit stories using the Journeys 2021 Submission Webform
5. Submit artwork using the Journeys 2021 Artwork Submission Form

Journeys submission process

Friday, December 18 is the deadline to submit written and art work for *Journeys* 2021.



Watch for reminders in the ABE PD Newsletter!

Journeys Curriculum Unit

Aligned with CCRS and TIF standards

UPDATED FOR COVID-19 with activity modifications for remote instruction!



Journeys Curriculum Unit

The curriculum unit...

- Is intended for High Intermediate to Advanced ESL learners (CASAS scores 211-235).
- Has 8 cumulative lesson plans, each ~1 to 1.5 hours long.
- Includes ready-to-use activities.
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Journeys Curriculum Unit

Objectives

After the unit, learners will be able to:

1. Discuss the concept of "storytelling" and its varied roles across cultures.
2. Read and navigate a table of contents, activating prior knowledge, making predictions about content and locating key information in a text. (CCRS RI.2.5) (TIF LS 1a, 1b)
3. Identify and analyze examples of literary genres in *Journeys*. Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain or describe. (CCRS RI.2.6) (TIF CT 1b)
4. Read *Journeys* texts aloud with fluency, focusing on appropriate speed, accuracy and expression after successive readings. (CCRS RF.4)
5. Compare and contrast *Journeys* texts of the same genre using graphic organizers. (CCRS RI.3.9) (TIF CT 1c)
6. Use a personal response journal to synthesize and reflect on *Journeys* texts. (TIF CT 1c)
7. Write a *Journeys*-style narrative text, using a prewriting/rough draft/final draft process. (CCRS W.2.3, W.3.4, W.3.5)

Journeys Curriculum Unit

[Purchase Journeys 2020 as a PDF!](#)

\$11

In response to COVID-19, this PDF includes remote classroom activity modifications.

literacymn.org/journeys-pdf-2020



Special submission opportunity!

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Sincerely,

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Farhiya Mohamed is 31 and originally from Somalia.

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Authors do not need to be ABE learners to submit a piece in **Black Literacy Matters**.

All voices are welcome, and new writers are encouraged to participate!

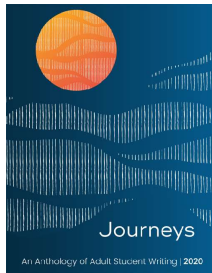
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For more information...

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- About the **Black Literacy Matters** publication: journeys@literacymn.org
- Literacymn.org/blackliteracymatters

Thank you!



Thanks for your participation and support of *Journeys*!

We look forward to sharing the 2021 edition with you.

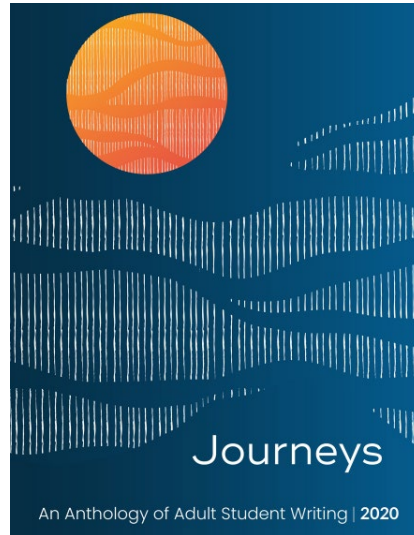
For all the details about *Journeys* 2021: Download the “**Journeys Handouts Packet**” PDF included with this video.

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2021 Journeys Anthology

Call for submissions!

We invite all Minnesota Adult Basic Education learners to submit a written or art work, and look forward to publishing the 2021 *Journeys* publication.



**WEBFORM FOR
SUBMISSIONS OPENS:**

**Monday,
August 17!**

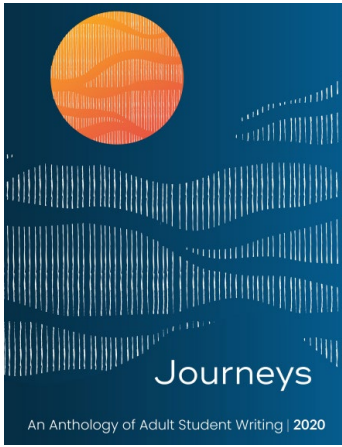
**WEBFORM FOR
SUBMISSIONS CLOSES:**

**Friday,
December 18!**

All art submissions must be postmarked by
December 18.

SUBMIT STORIES HERE: literacymn.org/journeys-2021

Questions? Contact Kelly at krynda@literacymn.org or 651-251-9074.



About *Journeys*

Journeys is a collection of writings published annually by Minnesota Literacy Council. Each fall, Adult Basic Education learners from across the state prepare and submit their original stories, poetry and artwork for publication in the spring.

Journeys is a book of stories. Within its pages, you'll find memories, poems, art, tall tales and everything in between. These stories share the journeys and perspectives of adult literacy students enrolled in reading, English as a Second Language, GED, and basic skills classes across the state of Minnesota.

Many studies suggest that culturally relevant texts help increase students' engagement in learning. *Journeys* provides a text of authentic learner stories for teachers to use in the classroom. We believe *Journeys* engages students more effectively than other texts because it values the contributions adult students make to adult education programs and the larger Minnesota community.

Whether you are a teacher, tutor, supporter of literacy education or simply believe in the power of words, you will find yourself connecting to the stories in *Journeys* because one thing is certain: you are on your own journey. We all are. Hearing the stories of fellow travelers and learning about the struggles and victories they've had along the way, however similar or dissimilar they may be to our own, helps us to better navigate the world and find our place within it.

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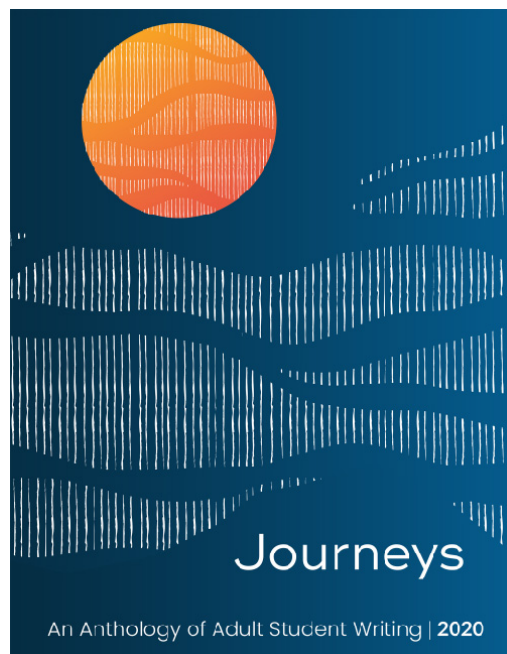
Journeys Curriculum Unit

We hope you'll take advantage of our updated [Journeys curriculum unit](#) in your virtual classrooms this fall!

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Purchase *Journeys* 2020!

The 2020 *Journeys* edition is still available – both in print and now as a PDF!



To order print copies:

Please visit literacymn.org/journeys, then click on the “Purchase *Journeys*” button.

Journeys 2020 pricing:

ABE Student Author price	\$6
Bulk price (5+ copies)	\$11
Retail price	\$14

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* The PDF version is the one which contains the curriculum with remote teaching activity modifications.



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Journeys 2021 Submission Guidelines

Friday, December 18, 2020 is this year's submission deadline for **all** *Journeys* entries: written work and art.



Eligibility:

- Author or artist must be enrolled in an Adult Basic Education program in Minnesota.
- All submissions must be original material.
- Only one submission per person will be considered. Submissions that are not selected for publication must be resubmitted to be considered for the next edition.
- Literacy Minnesota reserves the right to edit and/or exclude submissions. Submissions not included in the book may be published on our website.
- Submission length should be 400 words or less.

Submission Requirements – Written Work:

- Written works must be submitted via webform: literacymn.org/journeys-2021
- Email or USPS submissions will not be accepted.
- Submit a separate webform for each student. Only one submission per student.
- As part of the *Journeys* book production process, edits may be made for comprehension, clarity and spelling.

Submission Requirements – Art Work:

- Submit the original.
- Include the **Journeys Artwork Submission Form** (next page), with all areas completed. Send art entries to the address on the Artwork Submission Form.
- If the original is not available, contact Kelly Rynda, krynda@literacymn.org, to inquire about acceptable alternate formats.
- Pen and ink drawings are encouraged, as they scan to print quality more easily than other media.

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Journeys Artwork Submission Form

Art submission deadline: **Friday, December 18, 2020**

Please read the [Submission Guidelines on the previous page](#). Then fill in the information below.

*Note: To submit an art drawing (ink or pen is recommended), please **submit the original**.*

Student & Artwork Information

Student First Name:
Student Last Name:
Student Telephone:
Student Email:
Artwork Title:
Student Age:
Student Country of Origin (or, if U.S., city and state of origin):

Program information

ABE Program Name:
Coordinator or Teacher Name:
Coordinator or Teacher Phone:
Coordinator or Teacher Email:

Permission (student must complete this section)

I am submitting this original piece of art work to Literacy Minnesota (LitMN) for possible inclusion in *Journeys*, an anthology of adult student writing, and in other LitMN electronic and/or printed publications.

Please enter your name after one of the following statements:

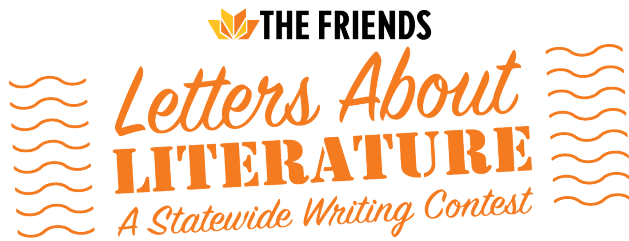
I allow LitMN to publish my name along with my art: _____

I allow LitMN to use my art, but I do not want my name published: _____

Send art entries to the following address:

Literacy Minnesota
Attn: *Journeys*
700 Raymond Avenue, Suite 180
St. Paul, MN 55114

Continued This Year:



“Letters About Literature” Special Submission Opportunity!

Again this year, through a partnership with the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, we invite your learners to submit a written piece on a special theme, called “Letters About Literature”.

Here is the story of one *Journeys* 2020 author, **Farhiya Mohamed**, who wrote a letter to the author **Jacqueline Woodson**.

“Letters About Literature” is an opportunity for learners to select and read a piece of literature, reflect on it, and write a personal letter to the author explaining how it changed their views of the world and/or themselves.

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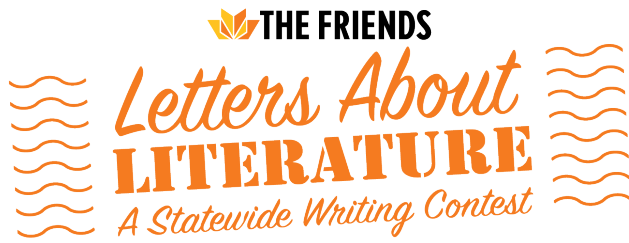
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Held at the K-12 level for many years, this is the second year that the “Letters About Literature” contest will open to the ABE level. *Journeys* submissions with this theme will be highlighted in a special chapter of the anthology, as well as submitted to the official “Letters About Literature” program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library.

See the next page for the full Letters About Literature submission guidelines.





“Letters About Literature” Special Submission Guidelines:

1. Select a fiction or nonfiction book, short story, poem, essay or speech (excluding song lyrics) that you have read and which has impacted you.
2. Imagine sitting down with the author of this work and sharing your personal thoughts. Your letter should be personal and sincere, more like a private conversation than a book report or fan letter.
3. Share specific details both about the work and about your reaction to the work. Write honestly and from your own perspective.
4. Keep in mind that this is a reflective writing contest. Think about what you read and the meaning you gleaned from the author's words.
5. Type your letter, which should be between 400-600 words.
6. Make sure your letter includes a date, greeting, body, closing, and your name or signature. Please do not include a return address on your letter.
7. Submit your letter using the *Journeys* 2021 submission webform.
8. Stay tuned for more details about the "Letters About Literature" contest.



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In addition to the publication, ***Black Literacy Matters*** will also be a platform where the Black community can share stories, network, and connect—both digitally and in-person.

The inaugural edition of ***Black Literacy Matters*** will be released in May 2021 – with sneak previews and a special event in February, in honor of Black History Month.

Black Literacy Matters: Call for Submissions!

The ***Black Literacy Matters*** 2021 submission webform is now open.

- We invite all Black writers, poets, and artists to submit a piece for the inaugural edition of ***Black Literacy Matters***.
 - All voices are welcome, and new writers are encouraged to participate!
 - Learn more here: literacymn.org/blackliteracymatters
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Black Literacy Matters: Join the Conversation!

Visit literacymn.org/blackliteracymatters for more information about:

- Joining the platform and connecting with the community
 - Resources and ideas to help you work on your story
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For more information...

- About the ***Black Literacy Matters*** platform: [Christian McCleary](#)
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Journeys 2021: **Preview of Webform Fields**

This is not a submission form. To submit stories, use the Journeys 2021 submission webform: literacymn.org/journeys-2021. Email or USPS entries will not be accepted.

Here are the fields you will see in the 2021 *Journeys* submission webform. Items marked with a * are required.

Student Information

Student First Name *

Student Last Name *

Does the author wish to remain anonymous? *

- **No.** The author's name WILL appear in *Journeys*.
- **Yes,** the author wishes to remain anonymous. Their name will NOT be published in *Journeys*. Please note that it is our wish that anonymity be granted only to authors who fear reprisal for their stories or words. Anonymous authors are not included in the Author Index.

Student City *

Student State *

Student Phone

Student Email

Student Age *

Student country of origin (or, if U.S., city and state of origin) *

Program Information

MN ABE Program Name *

Coordinator or Teacher Name *

Coordinator or Teacher Phone

Coordinator or Teacher Email *

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Writing Submission

Title of Submission *

Please paste the text of the original story or poem here: *

Story Theme: *

- ☐ Challenges
- ☐ Culture and History
- ☐ Family and Friends
- ☐ Fiction and Folktales
- ☐ Goals, Hopes, and Dreams
- ☐ Journey to the U.S.
- ☐ Letters About Literature
- ☐ Memories
- ☐ Social and Racial Justice

By checking this box, the author affirms that the submission is an original story or poem. *

- ☐ Yes, the submission is an original story or poem.

By checking this box, the author gives permission for their story to be published in the 2021 publication of *Journeys*. Your work may appear online (our website, social media, etc.) or be used in Literacy Minnesota's print materials to help promote *Journeys* and/or increase awareness of Literacy Minnesota's mission. *

- ☐ Yes, I give permission for my story to be published in the 2021 publication of *Journeys*. If submitting to the Letters About Literature special theme, I also give permission to share my story with the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, in advance of the publication of *Journeys*.