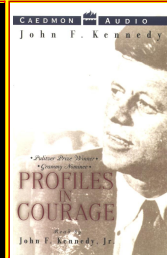
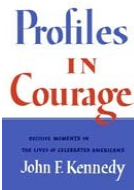


# Profiles in Courage Award



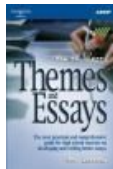
Use the resources and search tips listed below in your search for information on "an elected official in the United States since 1956 who has courageously addressed a political issue at the local, state, national, or international level."

## Print Resources:



*Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy

920 K



*How to Write Themes and Essays* by John McCall

808.066 McC

## Background:

John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Profile in Courage Award

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education%20and%20Public%20Programs/Profile%20in%20Courage%20Award/>

Essay Contest Guidelines

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Profile+in+Courage+Award/Essay+Contest+for+High+School+Students/Contest+Information/Eligibility+and+Requirements.htm>

Winning Essays from past years

<http://www.jfkcontest.org/>

Award Recipients from past years

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education+and+Public+Programs/Profile+in+Courage+Award/Award+Recipients/>

## Online Resources:

### Issues



**Student Resource Center** This database contains thousands of online primary documents, topical essays, background information, etc.

ProQuest Newspapers & The Hartford Courant



[Proquest Newspaper Search](#)



Center for Individual Freedom (CFIF): The Issues	<a href="http://cfif.org/v/index.php/the-issues">http://cfif.org/v/index.php/the-issues</a>
Office of Legislative Research (OLR): Major Issues of the Connecticut General Assembly	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/olr/09MajorIssues/2008-R-0646.pdf">http://www.cga.ct.gov/olr/09MajorIssues/2008-R-0646.pdf</a>
Google Directory: Issues	<a href="http://www.google.com/Top/Society/Issues/">http://www.google.com/Top/Society/Issues/</a>
Speak Out Issues	<a href="http://speakout.com/activism/issues/">http://speakout.com/activism/issues/</a>
Pros & Cons of Controversial Issues	<a href="http://www.procon.org/">http://www.procon.org/</a>
Global Issues: Social, Political, Economic, & Environmental	<a href="http://www.globalissues.org/issue">http://www.globalissues.org/issue</a>
The White House: Legislative Issues	<a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues">http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues</a>

## Elected Officials

	<b>Biography Resource Center</b> Use this database to search for people based on name, occupation, nationality, ethnicity, birth/death dates and places, gender, or keyword(s).
Directory of Connecticut's Federal and State Elected Officials 2009 - 2010	<a href="http://www.lwvct.org/voters/Directory%20of%20Elected%20Officials/DEO%202009.pdf">http://www.lwvct.org/voters/Directory%20of%20Elected%20Officials/DEO%202009.pdf</a>
Connecticut Local Politics Blog	<a href="http://ctlocalpolitics.net/">http://ctlocalpolitics.net/</a>
CNN Politics	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/">http://www.cnn.com/POLITICS/</a>
CBS News- Political Hotsheet	<a href="http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/politics/politicalhotsheet">http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/politics/politicalhotsheet</a>
ABC News- Politics	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/politics">http://abcnews.go.com/politics</a>
NBC's Meet the Press	<a href="http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032608/ns/meet_the_press">http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032608/ns/meet_the_press</a>

If you do not find what you're looking for in the above resources, try the search tips listed below.

## Internet Search Tips

1. Type the URL (web site address) of a search directory/engine in the address box: ex: [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) or <http://scholar.google.com/>.
2. Be sure to type the address exactly the way you see it, including any uppercase letters and punctuation.
3. Type in keyword(s). If your keyword has two parts, be sure to put quotes around it so that the search engine only finds the Internet sites on your topic as opposed to all of the sites containing the each word. For example, "greenhouse gases" will search the whole term.
4. If you would like to search for something specific, try a combined keyword search by adding a comma followed by a space and your other search term. For example, "greenhouse gases", examples

Hit Enter on your keyboard, or click on Search, then scan the description of the "hits" (entries) and click on the links that sound best.

5. Be sure to critically evaluate Internet sources. UC Berkley Library's **Evaluating Webpages: Techniques to Apply and Questions to Ask** is an excellent source to help you critique the quality of websites in the following areas:
  - o **Authority:** Can you tell if the author is credible (believable)?
  - o **Objectivity:** Is the information objective (honest and free of bias)?
  - o **Currency:** Is the information recent and up-to-date?
  - o **Design:** Is the site designed in a clear and user friendly way?
  - o **Navigation:** Is the site easy to navigate through, and are all links current and usable?
6. Remember: if you choose to use any information (text or graphics) found on an Internet source, **you must include it in your bibliography.**

Remember: **YOU MUST CITE EVERY RESOURCE YOU USED** to gather information on your Works Cited (Bibliography) page. Use the **Works Cited Guide** to access MLA format.



