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**Teachers: Please complete the areas on page 3, or use only the first two pages of this organizer, and distribute to your students**

**Assignment Organizer**

**Grades 9-12**

**Spring 2020**

**As part of The Stock Market Game you can participate in a fun national writing competition, InvestWrite. Dozens of students around the country win every semester. Check out the prizes and see more information on the website at** [**www.investwrite.org**](http://www.investwrite.org)

**To Think About First The capital markets make our country strong by supplying capital to launch businesses, create jobs, develop our communities, and drive our economy, while giving people just like you opportunities to save and invest for the future.**

**Writing Assignment Select an investment from each asset class (stock, bond, mutual fund) that is helping to create new jobs, advance your local community, or strengthen our economy. Discuss the impact that each of your investments has today and will have 10 years from now. Are these good long-term investments? Do you think they could be part of a successful portfolio to help you save for your own future? Why or why not?**

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**Due Dates:**

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**Participation is voluntary/required/extra credit.**

* **Teachers please adapt the table above for your needs.**
* **Please NOTE the essay submission deadline is**

**Friday, March 27, 2020**

**COMPLETE INFORMATION AND AWARDS CAN BE FOUND AT:**

**www.investwrite.org**

**Judging Criteria**

Judges of the InvestWrite competition will base their decisions on your **rationale, understanding of the subject matter,** and **writing style.** They will ask themselves the following questions as they review your essay submission:

**Rationale**

* Is your essay well organized?
* Do you address all the elements of the question in your essay?
* Have you written clearly when you described details?
* Have you omitted unnecessary details?

**Understanding the Subject Matter**

* Are the words and terms you include in your essay used correctly?
* Will your statements make sense to a judge who is reading your essay?
* Have you described your strategies clearly?
* Do you talk about how the things you learned in the Stock Market Game relate to what you wrote in your essay?

**Writing Style**

* Did you make your essay easy for the judges to read?
* Will the judges be able to see your creative side when they read your essay?
* Will judges who read your essay be interested and want to read to the end?
* Have you used proper punctuation and good grammar?
* Have you carefully worked on your drafts to make your final essay as good as it can be?
* Did you work on this essay without too much help from your teacher or an adult? Your essay should be in your very own personal writing style!

**Rules and Guidelines**

Essays need to meet all the guidelines before the deadline. Failure to meet the guidelines will result in disqualification.

* Each student in the 9-12 grade division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **1000** words and a minimum of **500** words.
* This is an individual project. Group discussion is encouraged but **essays must be written and submitted by individual students.**
* If a title is chosen it must appear at the top of the first page of the text.
* The student author’s name **CANNOT** appear in the essay or title. Identification of the student or teacher in the essay will result in disqualification.
* If references are cited, include them at the end of the essay text.
* References must be formatted without footnotes. At the end of the essay simply list each source as: (Author. “Title”. Date. URL).
* Only the body of the essay will be included in the word count. The title and references will not count in the word limit.
* **Essays in PDF format cannot be accepted**. All essays need to be in a format that can be cut and pasted to the InvestWrite website.
* All essays must be submitted in plain text; no charts, graphs or symbols will be accepted.

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