

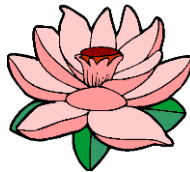
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**WRITEATHON 2018**

# NSM GURUCOOL WRITEATHON 2018 WISHWIN

Level 2: Grades 4, 5



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The essays of Writeathon were graded independently by 2 judges.

Essay Prompt: Describe a book that you have read. Explain what you liked about the book and what you didn't like. Who was your favorite character and why?

Please find attached, the winning essay by the Writeathon Level 2 Champion:  
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### The Unwanteds

A couple of months ago, I found myself sinking deeper and deeper into the void that most of the world calls a library. I'm not a reluctant reader by any stretch of the imagination, but I would be lying if I said I wasn't picky about what I read. Having a lack of anything to read, I was becoming increasingly frustrated until finally, I found something attractive. I recently finished the series, which was called "The Unwanteds", and I had some very mixed reactions. The author did a great job creating the environment, and the plot was incredibly creative. In spite of all this however, the character interactions were really awkward, and I ended up not liking many of characters, even the main character himself! Here are the pros and cons about The Unwanted by Lisa Mcmann.

One of the biggest things that drew me to the story was the plot. A lot of creativity went into it, and it sounded very interesting and exciting. Alex, the main character lives in a dystopian world where creative people are killed and non-creative people go to university. After being sentenced to death, Alex meets the eccentric Mr.Today, who saves him and introduces him to Artime, a magical place where creativity thrives. As the story goes on, the plot gets deeper and kept me turning pages long into the night. The author also succeeded when building the world environment. She made it fantastical, yet shrouded in mystery, and laced with feelings of revenge and the wild sense of adventure. All of these factors combined to create a very enticing story which I enjoyed quite a bit. Past this however, thing start to go downhill.

By the time I finished the third book in the series, I began to feel very disappointed. What use was an amazing story when the cast was so un-amazing? Just like the rest of Alex's dystopian world, the characters lacked originality, creating unlikable characters who weren't relatable. They also made choices and thought thoughts that didn't make sense, and the characters interacted in the same way. The main character especially applies to these characteristics, tarnishing what would have been a great book into a mediocre one.

Regardless, one of the characters who I really enjoyed was Mr.Today. He stood as a beacon of hope to the people of Artime, and because of this could be compared to the Statue of Liberty. He as wise, eccentric, and for all the reasons stated above, my favorite character in the Unwanteds series.

The Unwanteds wasn't perfect by any means, but I still enjoyed many parts of it. It had one of the most appealing plots I've read in a while, and

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excelled in its world building. However because of it's characters being awkward and unlikable, the series seemed like a lackluster movie. It didn't exactly meet my expectations, but I don't regret picking up this series all those months ago.