



At James Madison University

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2009 World Drawing and Painting Contest
for Children Aged 6 to 10 Years



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Teachers and educators are invited to participate in the worldwide drawing and painting contest for children aged 6 to 10 years.

The objective of this contest is to promote a culture of nonviolence and peace by raising awareness among young children about these concepts, but also through listening to their vision and spontaneous suggestions on self-respect and respect for others, sharing, tolerance, war and peace, reconciliation....Teachers and educators participating in the contest will help children invent a story in pictures, in the form of a tale using animals, natural elements, nature, colors, and their own symbols. This story will be a collective work based on key words young children can understand. It will be made up of six drawings, each illustrating one or several of the following themes:

1. **Respect for all life** - respect the rights and dignity of each living entity;
2. **Nonviolence** - reject violence, obtain justice by convincing and understanding;
3. **Sharing** - develop attitudes and skills for living together in harmony, ending exclusion and oppression;
4. **Listening to understand** - give everyone a chance to learn and share through the free flow of information and ideas;
5. **Preserving the planet** - make sure that progress and development are good for everyone and for the environment;
6. **Tolerance and solidarity** - appreciate that people are different and that everyone has something to contribute to the community.

The drawings, with some explanations, will form a story presented as a comic strip, a fresco, or a poster, depending on the choice of the participants.

Registration and participation in the contest will take place through March 31, 2009.

The artworks will be scanned and put online on the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence website <www.jmu.edu/gandhicenter>. They will be used later in publications, exhibitions, or as promotional support material for the Gandhi Center.

In April 2009, a jury comprised of young children and well-know persons in fields of arts, humanitarian aid, and education will choose two winners per age group (6–8 year olds and 9–10 year olds). The winners will receive a prize best suited to their needs, from three types of prizes: multimedia; library/media-library; equipment and school supplies.

This contest will provide the opportunity to build a network of teachers, educators, and children working in favor of building and promoting a culture of nonviolence and peace.

* This contest is modeled on UNESCO's "Draw me Peace" contest held in 2002.

Rules of the Contest

- **Article 1:** The drawings will be done on US Letter size sheets (21.7 cm x 28.1 cm, 8.5 in x 11 in). This format is needed to be able to scan or photocopy the artwork.
- **Article 2:** All possible techniques can be used to do the drawings, separately or mixed: colored felt pens, paint, color pencils, thin pasted cut-outs. However, it is recommended to use as support paper that is 200 g per m² for strength and ease of doing the artwork.
- **Article 3:** The number of drawings is six per group and per age group (6–8 year olds, 9–10 year olds). Each drawing will illustrate one or several of the 6 themes (see previous page).
- **Article 4:** The six drawings will form a story (comic strip, fresco, poster). On the back of each drawing will be included a number and a short explanation (20 words maximum), written clearly, to indicate the way to read and to present the story.

Possible presentations:

A

1	2
3	4
5	6

B

1	2	3
4	5	6

C

1	2	3
4	5	6

- **Article 5:** The children, in cooperation with the teachers or educators, will select the six “best” drawings, so as to submit only one collective piece of work per age group: 6–8 year olds and 9–10 year olds.
- **Article 6:** The numbered and annotated drawings must not be folded or assembled together. The six sheets, along with the attached registration form, must be put into a big envelope. The drawings will not be returned.
- **Article 7:** The deadline for participating in the contest “Drawing Peace” is March 31, 2009. Any submission after this date will not be taken into account. The drawings must be sent to the following address:

Contest “Drawing Peace”
Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence
James Madison University
MSC 2604, Cardinal House
500 Cardinal Drive
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807, USA

Email: GandhiCenter@jmu.edu

Hello!

You are 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 years old. You like to draw, color, or paint...

But actually what you like the most, is to listen to nice stories and look at beautiful pictures.

And if, for a change, you were the one to tell a story? You would invent it, draw it with lots and lots of colors.

If you want to, you are going to do it with your buddies and friends. Your teacher, supervisor, or educator will help you participate, all together.

And the nicest thing, is that thousands of children of your age, in all the countries of the Earth, will also invent and draw, with their friends, beautiful stories in many colors.

Then, when all the children, all over the world, will have finished their stories and drawings, their teachers, supervisors, and educators will collect them, put them in big envelopes and send them to Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA.

Harrisonburg is a small city, and in this city there is a house called the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence. There, some very nice ladies and gentlemen come to work. These ladies and gentlemen are going to receive all these beautiful stories and drawings. And they will show them all over the world, to share them with all the children of the Earth and their families.

Hope to hear from you soon. We are waiting for your story and drawings!!!

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CONTEST

If you submit two artworks (one for 6–8 year olds and another for 9–10 year olds),
please fill in two separate registration forms

Institution/Organization:

Name

Type pre-school ☐ kindergarten ☐ primary school ☐ association ☐
other (specify)

Numbers of children teachers educators others

NAME of the person to contact

Full postal address

Country

Telephone **Fax**

Email

Educators/Teachers participating:

First and Last NAME	First and Last NAME
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Languages:

Mother tongue(s) of participants

Working language

Children participating:

First and Last NAME	Age	First and Last NAME	Age	First and Last NAME	Age

Description of the artwork submitted

Chosen story presentation (*See Rules*) Presentation A ☐ Presentation B ☐ Presentation C ☐

Title

Explanation of drawing #1

Explanation of drawing #2

Explanation of drawing #3

Explanation of drawing #4

Explanation of drawing #5

Explanation of drawing #6



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CONSENT FORM FOR THE CONTEST

(The completed form must accompany every entry)

Full Name of Child: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

I hereby grant the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University (Gandhi Center), or its assignees, permission to use my child's artwork from the Gandhi Center Drawing Peace contest for the purpose of illustration, publication, exhibition, marketing, promotional uses or broadcast uses. I understand that, at the Gandhi Center's discretion, the artwork may be released for use by television, radio, newspaper, magazine or other media outlets including the Web/Internet/Intranet. I warrant to the Gandhi Center that the artwork is original on my child's part, and is in no way a violation of, or an infringement upon, any copyright belonging to any third party. I will indemnify and hold the Gandhi Center harmless from any claims of infringement of copyright by any third party regarding the artwork.

Parent or Guardian/Teacher Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ ZIP: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Internal Use Only:

Date received: _____