

**Announcing a Sense and Sensibility Essay Contest
for Middle and High School Students!**

Who is eligible?

Any student enrolled in Grades 6-12 who has seen the PlayMakers performance of Sense and Sensibility.

What can I win?

There will be separate middle school and high school competitions. Each winner will receive a package worth \$500:

A \$100 cash prize

A set of two tickets to any PlayMakers performance in the 2017-18 season

A hardback set of Jane Austen's novels

Free admission for the student to the Jane Austen Summer Program (June 14-17 in Chapel Hill and Carrboro; www.janeaustensummer.org)

What do I write?

Choose one of the following questions and write a 250-500 word essay:

1. What do tea and teacups symbolize in the play? Why do you think the director and others chose to make them so prominent at different times of the play? How does tea help show what is going on either for the characters or in their society? Can tea help us understand some of the central tensions in the play?
2. How do the playwright and directors use gossip as a central theme in the play and how do they make gossip visual? What role does gossip play in Elinor and Marianne's story?

How do I enter?

Send your entry to janeaustensummer@unc.edu by November 10, 2017.

Include the entry form below, or include this information at the top of your essay.

Winners will be announced in December.

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The Jane Austen Summer Program (www.janeaustensummer.org)

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Name:

Grade:

Age:

School name:

Date you attended the play:

Title of your essay: