

Olympic Committee Task: *What Your Room Shows About You*

Imagine these three writers were the three finalists in the Writing Olympics. Imagine these writers competed in two different events with the writing samples you see below: 1) the *Using Specific and Memorable Details* event; and 2) the *Showing Strong Personality with Word Choice and Style Choice* event.

Work with a partner to serve as an Olympic Committee, which means you get to decide who wins what color medals. If there is a gold, silver, and bronze medal for both events, which writer should receive which medal?

Each writer will receive two medals; your job is to fairly decide which medal belongs to which competitor. Have a really good discussion as you decide which medals these writers will win.

Event #1: Using Specific and Memorable Details	Event #2: Showing Strong Personality with Word Choice and Style
Gold Medal Writer: _____	Gold Medal Writer: _____
Silver Medal Writer: _____	Silver Medal Writer: _____
Bronze Medal Writer: _____	Bronze Medal Writer: _____

Writing Finalist #1: **Kannon, fifth grade writer**

Here is my room: trophies and medals I've won and collected since I was five, some pictures, and a rug. They're nothing too exciting. But, then there is my most prized possession: my great grandfather's Winchester 12 Gauge Lever Action shotgun. Of course it doesn't work, but to me it is still cool to look at. I also have a buffalo horn that is actually a horn. Coming soon will be a mounting of an antelope head that I hunted for with my dad. I don't have many things, but the things I do have, I cherish very much. I am rich beyond measure.

Writing Finalist #2: **Tyler, fifth grade writer**

Here is my room: My Nintendo DSI sitting high in the air on my shelf above my bed. My big T.V. on the shelf above my PS2--the things that keep me busy throughout the day. My big soft bean bag made of corduroy, sitting like a rock on the left side of my room. My video games, resting on the bottom shelf whenever I'm not using them. My soft bed, lying with the indentation marks still present from when I was sleeping on it this morning. And my most prized possession yet, the necklace I wear every day from the first time I went to Hawaii. I am rich beyond measure!

Writing Finalist #3: **Jonah, fifth grade writer**

Here is my room: the bed sits in the corner like a stump. My play table is in another corner like a little planet for my Legos. My shelves on the wall are like cargo ships carrying supplies like my coin collection, my Lego ships and cars, my trophies and medals, and my books. My T.V. and X Box are a perfect match to keep me busy all day. But, the most important thing is my old dirty stuffed animal, my monkey. I've had it since I was born, but it is my most special thing in my room. I am rich beyond measure.