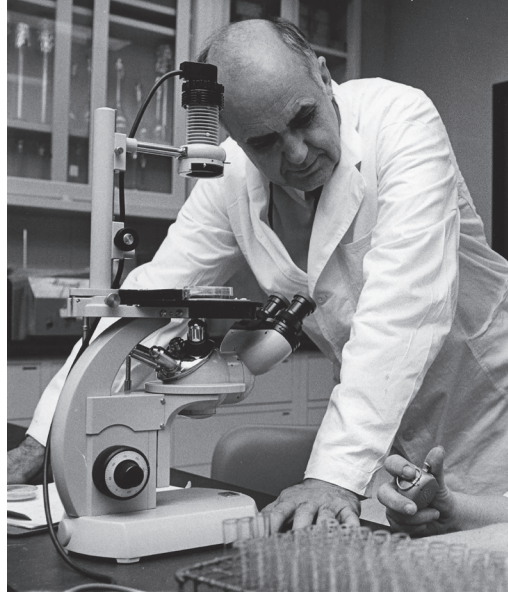


2023 Maurice R. Hilleman Essay Contest



PREPAREDNESS IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF SCIENCE AS DEMONSTRATED BY MAURICE HILLEMAN WHEN HE IDENTIFIED THE 1957 INFLUENZA PANDEMIC.

HOW IS PREPAREDNESS CRITICAL IN SCIENCE TODAY?

French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur once said, “In the fields of observation, chance favors only the mind which is prepared.” Virologist Maurice R. Hilleman embodied these words throughout his life and career. Dr. Hilleman developed over half of the vaccines that young children receive today, and his work is estimated to save about 8 million lives every year. His ability to recognize opportunities and potential threats was essential to his success. **To celebrate Dr. Hilleman’s legacy, students in grades 6 to 12* from the U.S. & Canada have an opportunity to learn about Dr. Hilleman and reflect on the significance of preparedness in science. Learn more at HILLEMANSFILM.COM.**

**Grades 6 to 11 in Quebec*





WHO?

Students in grades 6 to 12* living in the United States (including District of Columbia and U.S. Territories) or Canada and enrolled in a public, private, online, religious or charter school or who attend a home school program can participate. (Judging will take authors' ages into consideration, and winners will be named by country.)

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WHAT?

Learn about Dr. Hilleman, and write a 500- to 600-word essay that responds to this prompt:

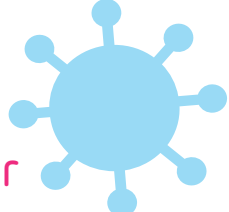
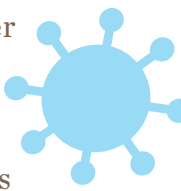


Preparedness is an important component of science as demonstrated by Maurice Hilleman when he identified the 1957 influenza pandemic. How is preparedness critical in science today?

Essay should be written solely by the student entrant in English or French using appropriate grammar and without assistance from legal guardians or artificial intelligence. One entry per person. See “Official Rules” at **HILLEMANSFILM.COM**.

HOW?

Review the official rules and get an entry form at **HILLEMANSFILM.COM**. Completed entries must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, June 9, 2023, or postmarked by June 9 if mailed. Submissions that are incomplete, do not address the prompt, or are not received by this time will not be considered.



TEACHERS:
Encourage your students to participate today!

BONUS!

Teacher named in winning students' entries will receive a signed copy of *Pandora's Lab: Seven Stories of Science Gone Wrong*, written by Paul A. Offit, MD, and a one-year complimentary membership to the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT), graciously provided by NABT.

3 WINNERS PER COUNTRY WILL EACH RECEIVE:

- US\$500 cash prize
- Winner certificate
- Recognition at a virtual award event during fall 2023

Event will be hosted by Dr. Paul Offit – VEC director, vaccine inventor, and Hilleman biographer. The event will also include special guests and student winners reading their essays.



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