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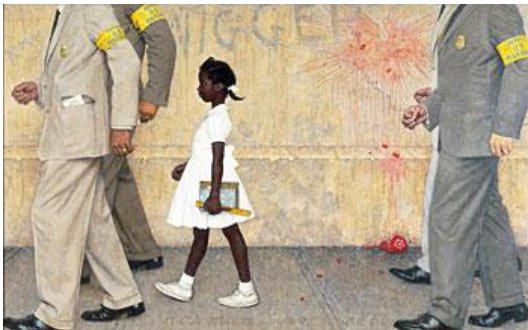
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WRITING CONTEST OFFERS STUDENTS CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS TO NORMAN ROCKWELL EXHIBITION & RUBY BRIDGES TALK

(DAYTON, OHIO) – November 28, 2011 – Miami Valley students will have the opportunity to win tickets to the special exhibition [American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell](#), as well as tickets to a [talk by civil rights icon Ruby Bridges](#), by entering The Dayton Art Institute's writing contest, *Ruby Bridges: How Does Her Story Affect Your Story?*



With their parent's permission, students may go to www.daytonartinstitute.org/rockwellcontest and submit a brief statement (50 words or less) about why Norman Rockwell's 1964 civil rights painting *The Problem We All Live With* (pictured) is still relevant and important today. The painting depicts six-year-old Ruby Bridges' history-changing walk to the William Franz Public School in New Orleans, as part of court-ordered integration in 1960. Rockwell painted *The Problem We All Live With* as his first assignment for

Look magazine, after ending his long working relationship with *The Saturday Evening Post*. The original painting, recently on display at the White House, is part of the *American Chronicles* exhibition.

Contest submissions will be accepted now through January 9, and will be judged in two categories, grades K-6 and 7-12. The contest is open to all area students, as well as home-schooled students. Beginning the week of December 5 and lasting through the week of January 9, one weekly winner in each category will be selected to receive a family four-pack of tickets to *American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*. On January 16, one student will be randomly drawn from all of the weekly winners to receive four tickets to hear Ruby Bridges speak at The Dayton Art Institute on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the writing contest, please contact Mary Beth Whitley, at 937-223-5277, ext. 335 or mwhitley@daytonart.org.

American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell is currently on view at The Dayton Art Institute through February 5, 2012. The special exhibition features 42 original artworks and a complete set of all 323 *Saturday Evening Post* covers created by Rockwell. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (60+), students (18+ w/ID) and active military, \$10 for youth (ages 7-17) and free for children (ages 6 & under). Museum members are free for their first visit, \$10 for return visits. For more information about the exhibition, visit www.daytonartinstitute.org/rockwell.

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American Chronicles was organized by the [Norman Rockwell Museum](http://www.normanrockwellmuseum.org), which received support for the exhibition from an American Masterpieces Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Curtis Publishing Company, the Norman Rockwell Estate Licensing Company, and the Stockman Family Foundation Trust.

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ABOUT THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE

As one of the Miami Valley's premier fine art museums, The Dayton Art Institute offers a full range of programming in addition to exhibiting its collection. The galleries and Museum Store are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. Suggested admission to the museum's permanent collection is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, active military and groups. Admission is free for museum members, students (18+ w/ID) and youth (17 and under). Some special exhibitions, programs and events may carry an additional charge and include admission to the museum's permanent collection as part of that price. Free parking is available at the museum and the facility is fully accessible to physically challenged visitors. The Cafe serves lunch Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-4278 or visit www.daytonartinstitute.org. The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The DAI also receives support from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District.

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