

JuniorDraft Student Author Guidelines

Welcome to JuniorDraft! These guidelines are made especially for students who want to share their ideas, stories, experiments, and research with our journal community.

Who can submit?

- Students aged 8 to 22
- Any school, homeschool, or after-school learner
- Authors writing essays, research projects, reviews, news articles, short articles, experiments, posters, paintings, drawings, or image-based presentations
- You can work alone, with friends or with a teacher/parent as a co-author

Pick the right type of article

Choose the type that matches your work:

- Short article or essay
- News article
- Review article
- Research project or science experiment
- Paper presentation
- Poster or image presentation
- Creative writing or story
- poems

Easy article structure

Use this simple plan for most articles:

1. Title: Short, interesting, and clear
2. Byline: Your name and age

3. Introduction: Start with a strong sentence or idea
4. Body: Share your main points in short paragraphs
5. Conclusion: End with what you learned or why it matters
6. References: List any books, websites, or people who helped you

Word count guide

Different ages need different lengths but always keep your writing clear and focused.

Ages 8–10

- Short articles / essays: 250–500 words (flexible)
- Experiment summaries: 200–400 words (flexible)
- Keep sentences simple and easy to read

Ages 11–14

- Short articles / essays: 500–1,000 words(flexible)
- Reviews / news articles: 600–1,200 words(flexible)
- Experiment reports: 600–1,200 words(flexible)

Ages 15–18

- Essays / reviews: 1,000–2,000 words(flexible)
- Research / long articles: 2,000–5,000 words(flexible)
- Use clear headings, examples, and a strong conclusion

> Note: Some journals or projects may ask for 3,000–5,000 words. Follow the specific instructions for that article type.

Writing tips for every student

- Use your own words. Be honest and original.
- Keep paragraphs short. One main idea per paragraph works best.
- Check spelling and grammar before submitting.
- If you use a quote or fact from somewhere else, write where you found it and give reference to it.
- Add a short glossary if your article uses difficult words.

How to submit

1. Choose the right journal for your topic.
2. Follow the article structure and word count above.
3. Save your work in an easy format (Word document).
4. Submit using the online form on the JuniorDraft submission page.
5. Wait for editor feedback (usually 2–4 weeks).

What happens after submission?

- Editors check your article for clarity, originality, and correct format
- If needed, you may receive helpful feedback and a chance to revise your work
- Approved articles are published in the journal for other students and readers to enjoy
- You can share the article via social media network

Keep it fun

- Pick topics you enjoy
- Write like you are teaching a friend
- Add examples or stories when they help explain your idea
- Remember: the best articles are the ones that are easy to read and honest

Need help?

- Ask a teacher, parent, or mentor for feedback
- Reach out to JuniorDraft with any questions before submitting

Good luck, and happy writing! JuniorDraft is excited to read your work.