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Griffin RESA is pleased to announce the 2025 Regional Winners of the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition. Winning entries from the RESA level will now move on to the state-level competition for another round of judging. State winners will be announced in May.

This writing contest, sponsored by the Georgia Language Arts Supervisors and the Georgia RESA Network with support from the Georgia Department of Education Georgia, is open to students in grades K-12 and includes all types of writing such as short stories, poetry, essays, research reports, and other forms. The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors (YGA) writing competition is to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, to provide a context to celebrate their writing successes, and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics.

**Congratulations to the following Regional Winners  
 2025 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School System</b>
<b>K</b>	Brooks Hawver	Mansfield Elementary	Newton
<b>1</b>	Dila Gorgun	Braelinn Elementary	Fayette
<b>2</b>	Carlyle Evans	Pike County Primary	Pike
<b>3</b>	Kayla Alston	Luella Elementary	Henry
<b>4</b>	Alana Holliday	Pike County Elementary	Pike
<b>5</b>	Elizabeth Shepherd	Futral Road Elementary	Griffin-Spalding
<b>6</b>	M'Kayla Solomon	Liberty Middle	Newton
<b>7</b>	LaNiya Ellerbee	Upson-Lee Middle	Thomaston-Upson
<b>8</b>	Brody Cunningham	Woodland Middle	Henry
<b>9</b>	Hanna Harmon	Jackson High	Butts
<b>10</b>	Kendall Strevel	Jackson High	Butts
<b>11</b>	Kamari Couch	Eagle's Landing High	Henry
<b>12</b>	Mia Martin	Jackson High	Butts