

Virginia Woolf (1882–1941)

Virginia Woolf is recognised as one of the most innovative writers of the 20th century. Perhaps best known as the author of novels including *Mrs Dalloway*, *Orlando* and *To the Lighthouse*, she was also a prolific writer of essays, diaries, letters and biographies. In her 1929 essay, *A Room of One's Own*, she stated that a woman needed money and a room of her own in order to write.



About A Room of My Own

A Room of My Own is an anthology of new essays responding to the ideas of Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*, asking what a writer needs today in order to work.

We are running a competition for 14 to 18 year-olds, in partnership with First Story. Write an essay and tell us what you think you need to make your future as a writer.

Your essay might explore:

- **what you think a writer needs to work**
- **what you need to be creative**
- **how you imagine your future as a writer**
- **how writing from the past can influence new writing now**

A Room of My Own anthologies will be available in all First Story school libraries and secondary schools in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is available for everyone online at rsliterature.org

Closing date for entries Friday 18 October

Full terms and conditions can be found on the RSL website.

Enter your essay!

Competition rules

- Essays must be your own work
- Essays must be written in English and no longer than 500 words
- Entrants must be resident in the UK

All entries will be read by the RSL's Director Molly Rosenberg

Prizes

Win National Book Tokens for you and your school library!

1st prize — £50 National Book Tokens

2nd prize — £25 National Book Tokens

3rd prize — £10 National Book Tokens

Winner and runner-up essays will be published on the RSL website

How to enter

Please fill out the form below and attach it to your essay

Email: patricia.chidavarume@rsliterature.org

Post: A Room of My Own Competition, Royal Society of Literature, Somerset House, London, WC2R 1LA



Full Name _____

Age _____

School/College _____

Name, email and phone number of teacher/guardian (if under 16)

Title of essay _____