

# Contest 05: Review Writing

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Write your review using any word processing program you choose.
- Next, convert the file to a PDF for submission.
- Entries must be uploaded by 6 p.m. CDT Oct. 18, 2021.

**DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR SCHOOL NAME ON YOUR ENTRY.**

## WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR

- Persuasive lead that quickly reaches assertion and/or attention-grabbing lead
- Clear expression of opinions
- Opinions supported by colorful, specific details
- Few convention errors; consistent use of journalistic style
- Accuracy, completeness and elimination of extraneous material
- Word choice avoids cliché and inflated language
- Strengths and weaknesses of the event or performance are clearly noted

## ASSIGNMENT:

You will be writing a review of an Oscar-winning animated short film. Use the link below to view the film on YouTube.

Your review should be no more than 350 words. You may include any of the background information included on this prompt sheet. Do NOT do any additional research or fact-finding about the film. Your judges will have made themselves familiar with the reviews and discussion online and will expect your review to be original work.

## SHORT FILM: “HAIR LOVE”

YouTube Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNw8V\\_Fkw28](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNw8V_Fkw28)

“Hair Love” is a 7-minute animated short film, that tells the story of an African American father learning to do his daughter’s hair for the first time.

### Directors:

Matthew A. Cherry (Executive Producer, “BlacKkKlansman”)  
Everett Downing Jr. (Animator, “Up”)  
Bruce W. Smith (Creator, “The Proud Family,” Animator, “The Princess and the Frog”)

“Hair Love” won the 2020 Academy Award for best animated short film.

The project was a collaboration with Sony Pictures Animation that was launched as a Kickstarter campaign in 2017. It had a fundraising goal of \$75,000. The campaign earned nearly \$300,000, making it the most highly funded short film campaign in Kickstarter history.

“Hair Love” was first shown in theaters Aug. 14, 2019, before “The Angry Birds Movie 2,” and was uploaded to YouTube four months later on Dec. 5.

The film was adapted into a children’s book by Cherry and was illustrated by artist Vashti Harrison. It was released May 14, 2019, and became a New York Times Bestseller.