

2015 MCC Creative Writing Contest

Essay Category

Honorable Mention: “Philanthropic Prince,” by Hanna Giles

Royalty is often regarded as a prestigious lineage of blood: a family that is better than others, simply because of who they are and not because of what they have done. Not often do these

Without Prince Harry's dedication and motivation for helping others, many charities would not have gotten the funds or publicity needed to support their causes; in a sense, Prince Harry is a savior for promoting charities that save others. Lesotho would likely not have become a well-known place or receive the help it has if not for the attention Prince Harry provides. Greatly thankful for the humanitarian work in Lesotho, the 'Golden Heart' award was given to Prince Harry at the gala event for the German charity "Ein Herz für Kinder," meaning 'Heart for Children' ("Prince Harry Receives 'Golden Heart' Award"). In similar gratitude, Liz Hughes, the Chief Executive of MapAction, an organization that delivers first-response mapped information about disaster scenes, says "With the support of Prince Harry and fellow guests at our special reception, MapAction can make vital progress in rising to the challenges ahead" ("Prince Harry Celebrates MapAction Achievements"). Prince Harry has embodied hope and salvation for the many lives that these charities affect, showing the world that there are important causes that still require attention. Becoming a savior, Prince Harry has brought awareness to causes and charities that desperately require funds in order to perform the necessary tasks that inevitably save the lives of countless people.

Throughout all of the wonderful causes, charities, organizations and fundraisers, it can easily be said that Prince Harry has evolved into a philanthropist. As a caring sympathizer for the less fortunate and an overall supportive human being, Prince Harry is indeed a savior. Many lives have been positively affected by these philanthropic deeds and would not have gotten the help needed without the support Prince Harry shows. Winning some awards along the way, Prince Harry continues to win the heart of peers and redeem his previous scandalous image into one of a respectable and admirable man. Not only is Prince Harry royalty by blood, grandson of the famous Queen Elizabeth II and son of the late Princess Diana, but also royalty by heart. No more human than the rest of the world, Prince Harry shows through his philanthropy that even people who are born into greatness still have a responsibility to live up to the title; every person should be equal sympathizers and supporters of the less fortunate, like Prince Harry, to show that they are true citizens of humanity.

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JUDGE'S COMMENTS

This essay shows you can take a topic from a perspective a reader probably doesn't expect (I didn't anyway) and develop that, based on research. I'd like to see you go further. You have this knowledge now. I'm wondering whether you can't do something more with it: perhaps a series of images of the playboy Prince Harry, juxtaposed with the side you're showing us. The images wouldn't necessarily be carefully structured paragraphs, as you've written here. To summarize: you know the rules; now, break them!

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