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Rotary District 5580 Four-Way Test Essay Contest 2026-2027

AI may support your writing process, but your essay must express your own thinking, ethical reasoning, words and voice. Disclose any AI assistance, including grammar and spelling tools.

Permitted assistance

Brainstorming, research assistance, outlining, grammar, spelling, punctuation, clarity edits, citation formatting and logic checks. Independently verify any factual background information.

Unacceptable substitution

AI must not write the essay or substantial portions of it, generate paragraphs you copy or lightly rewrite, invent experiences or opinions, or replace your own research, reasoning or reflection.

Tell us how you used AI

On the Student Information Form, identify the AI tool(s) used and explain how you used them, including grammar or spelling assistance. Write None if you did not use AI. Sign and date the original-work certification.

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Disqualification

Plagiarism, undisclosed AI-generated content, or essays that do not reflect the student's own work may be disqualified. Any announced prize placement or prize money may be forfeited.

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