

## Rue

BY ARIANNA SARGENT  
Rutland High School, Grade 11  
Big girl  
White and black  
Beautiful green eyes  
Way faster than me  
But she knew her limits  
And always pushed them  
One day she got in a  
Fight with the other three  
Accidentally biting my dad  
Officer P. got really mad  
And she had to be put down  
I will always remember her  
My pretty li'l  
Siberian husky  
RUE

## Need it

BY SAVANNAH LYNCH  
Otter Valley Union High School, Grade 7  
It seems I always need one,  
Every single day.  
That's because it dwindles away.  
It comes in all sorts of shades,  
Doesn't matter much.  
That's because it changes a bunch.  
It's originally yellow.  
The teachers always say,  
Please bring one every day!  
*-a pencil*

## Can't live without it!

BY ROSS REYNOLDS  
Clarendon Elementary School, Grade 5  
My object might be a little big, but I use it all the time. It has four wheels and it sits low to the ground. It has to have a motor to make it move or go. If you want to you can make it really clean or you can also polish it. I use this to have fun and I never get bored. You can race it around the world. Last but not least, anyone can use it. I wear a helmet and other padding so I don't get hurt when I use it.  
*-my four wheeler*

## Tree

BY DENALI NASTA  
Browns River Middle School, Grade 5  
I sway in the wind  
leaves fall from my branches  
apples fall and rot in the grass  
until I am bare...  
and ready for winter

## Slow submersion

BY RACHEL UHLER  
Shrewsbury Mountain School, Grade 5  
I place my toe in...too cold. I sit on the edge and slowly set my feet in and at the same time the inside of my foot freezes. Slowly I jump in, dunking my head completely under. I quickly jump back onto the edge, shrieking, freezing. OK, I think to myself, I'll try not to jump out every three seconds.  
*-a pool*

## SMART

BY SARAH BARKER  
Shrewsbury Mountain School, Grade 5  
A board you can touch and draw on forever and never have to replace paper or markers. You can do almost anything on this board with a simple touch of your finger. This board is a genius. You can play math games on it and much more.  
*-a smart board*

## My object

BY KATEY WEEKS  
Clarendon Elementary School, Grade 5  
I have an object that is very important to me and I use it every day. It is soft and it has a case. This object smells like roses. It is also fluffy. It's round and it has stars that glow in the dark. It is easy to carry. I can use it in the car, or on a plane or train. What am I?  
*-my pillow*

## Mysterious object

BY BERNADETTE HIGGS  
Clarendon Elementary School, Grade 5  
This object keeps me hydrated  
I bring it when I run  
It was made in Switzerland  
I got it for my birthday  
Mine is colorful  
I started a "trend" with it  
Some people would call it a tool  
I call it a household need  
My dad has one also  
I gave my old one to my mom  
What do you think it is?  
*-my Sigg water bottle*

## Everything in a box

BY HALEY HULL  
Clarendon Elementary School, Grade 5  
There's an object that I can't live without. I'm allowed to use it when I'm not grounded, but sometimes I can sneak a peek even then. Even though I can't bring it with me when I go places, I can go home and have it entertain me. Everything that I could imagine is all swooshed together in a square-shaped box and all I have to do is turn it on. But when Mom and Dad walk in, quickly turn it off!  
*-my TV*

## Name that object!

BY KYESHA FORREST  
Clarendon Elementary School, Grade 5  
I have an object that I just can't live without. It comes in many shapes, sizes and types. Sometimes it has an internet connection and sometimes it doesn't. Some kids' parents won't let them get one until they're older and more responsible, but I got mine when I turned 11. There are sections on my object that allow me to do many things, like take pictures and use a calculator. If I ever get lost with my object, it will allow me to get help. There are many reasons that this object is special to me. Here are some of them: my dad paid a lot of money to buy it for me, it allows me to do many things that I enjoy and I'm able to talk to my friends and family. Can you guess what my object is?  
*-cell phone*

## Big mistake

BY AMANDA DORAN  
Benson Village School, Grade 8  
My sister and I were on our way  
To the bus stop across the lake  
Was the middle of winter, the ice was frozen  
We were about to make a mistake  
Crossing the lake with our little boat  
pushing it from behind  
Step by step we cautiously went  
The shoreline was hard to find  
Then we felt the ice begin to give  
I quickly jumped into the boat  
But my sister was too late  
At first I didn't see her afloat  
Then I quickly grabbed for her arm  
She was shockingly cold  
I managed to pull her up  
We were both very brave and bold

## Ballad writing

BY GABRIEL GOODHUE  
Benson Village school, Grade 8  
Stories about the lake  
With its water so blue.  
No story is fake  
They are all true.

*Editor's note: These pieces were written as part of the YWP Ballad Writing Residency with musician Pete Sutherland that is just finishing up.*

*Mark your calendars: On May 27, at Benson Village School at 1 p.m., students and Sutherland will present their ballad which pays tribute to Benson Landing and its connection to Lake Champlain over the years.*  
*For more: [www.ballad.ywpvt.net](http://www.ballad.ywpvt.net)*

### UPCOMING PROMPT

**Advertising.** How does it affect you? How does it affect others?

If you want, pick an advertisement that you find really annoying — or compelling — and write about it.

*Alternate: Through the window....* Use these words in a story or poem.

**Due Friday**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### PODCASTING WORKSHOP

Thursday, May 28, 5-7 p.m.  
YWP Offices, Champlain Mill  
advance sign-up required:  
[youngwritersproject.org](http://youngwritersproject.org)

#### VERMONT 2059

Envision your town in 2059 C.E.  
and tell us what it's like.  
Best submissions win cash prizes  
and potential public presentation.

**Due May 29**



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