



THINKQUEST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION 2011

Digital Media Event

LEVEL: MESA Students (18 years of age and under)

TYPE OF CONTEST: Team

COMPOSITION OF TEAM: 1 to 6 students and 1 coach

NUMBER OF TEAMS: No limit

OVERVIEW: The ThinkQuest Competition challenges students to solve a problem by applying their critical thinking, communication and technology skills. Teams participating in the **Digital Media event** will produce an online journal/blog, a stand-alone website, photo essay, animation, public service announcement, video or some combination of these items.

RULES:

- 1) The instructions can be found at http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/digital_media/
- 2) The complete set of rules can be found at <http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/rules.html>
- 3) The complete set of Guiding Questions can be found at http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/digital_media/questions.html
- 4) The entry submission deadline is April 25, 2012.
- 5) Winners announcement is scheduled for June 20, 2012.

JUDGING:

Judges, *recruited by the Oracle Education Foundation*, will evaluate entries in accordance with published scoring rubric found at http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/digital_media/rubric.pdf

AWARDS:

- 1st and 2nd place team members receive a laptop computer and trip to [ThinkQuest Live](#), a once in a lifetime educational experience in the San Francisco Bay Area, California.
- 3rd place team members receive a laptop computer.
- All teams that submit entries will be eligible to receive certificates of participation.
- All teams that finish in the top 10% will be eligible to receive certificates of distinction.
- Students who are 18 and over and whose teams finish in the top 10% are eligible to apply for an internship.

Please refer to the ThinkQuest website (<http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/>) for additional information regarding awards and prizes.



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MESA Winners: The top three MESA teams in the state will receive MESA Medals that will be sent to your campus.

ENROLLMENT:

IMPORTANT - - All MESA coaches must register at www.thinkquest.org/competition. MESA participants must identify themselves by selecting “Non Profit: After School Program” then choosing “California MESA” from the pull down menu. The Oracle Education Foundation will report feedback to MESA on MESA team placement.

GETTING STARTED:

- Build a team of 1 coach and 1 to 6 students.
 - Coaches may be a MESA Director, faculty member, or Staff.
 - Coaches may lead multiple teams.
 - Coaches must register at <https://www.thinkquest.org/pls/html/f?p=54200:1:8937992712154668>
 - Don't forget to indicate your MESA Affiliation by selecting “Non Profit: After School” and selecting California MESA from the drop down list.
 - For enrollment help, visit - http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/digital_media/
- Create your entry. **Apply the work you are already doing for MESA!****
 - Complete the “Your Roadmap to Success” tutorial –
 - <http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/tutorial/>
 - For additional guidance on how to compete
 - <http://www.thinkquest.org/competition>
- Submit your entry no later than April 25, 2012

****Hint:** Students can re-structure their written component of the MESA Competition, into a blog/journal and submit as an entry into the ThinkQuest Competition!