

Congratulations to Harlan County High School freshman Olivia Creech for winning first place in the high school free verse poetry division of the 2019 Kentucky Educational Television Young Writers Contest. Her winning entry was titled "I Reckon!" There were more than 1,200 entries this year. Creech was notified by Amy Bradshaw, the Southeast Region Education Consultant for KET.

She is the daughter of Eric and Veronica Creech of Cumberland.

Here is her winning entry:

"I Reckon"

By Olivia Creech

I've heard that black is an evil mournful color
But the black I see is the coal dust caked on a
miner's face

I think that the people who made up
metaphors

Must not be from around here

If Shakespeare had lived in Kentucky,
Juliet would be on her front porch instead of a
balcony

And Poe would've written about red birds
Instead of ravens

I guess they don't have "britches" and "mamaws" anywhere else
And no matter how many fancy dinners I eat
I'll still call it "supper" and I'll still be wishing
That my mom had made the green beans

I don't want to be somewhere
There isn't a crawdad in every creek
An old lady in every church who wants to hug me
And a pop in every fridge

If you were to ask if I really do
Love my Old Kentucky Home
I'd probably smile
And say "I reckon"

