Questions for the Creative Children of Appalachia

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has encouraged our region’s young people to believe in their ability to succeed through the I’m a Child of Appalachia Writing Contest. As Henry Ford said, “Whether you think you can, or you think you can’t, you’re right.”

FAO launched the I’m a Child of Appalachia Writing Contest in 2006 and, in the intervening years, we’ve developed several writing prompts to inspire creativity among children throughout our communities. If you’re looking for new ways to engage your children during this time of physical distancing, here is a packet of worksheets including and inspired by former Writing Contest prompts.

Once your children have explored their creative side with these worksheets, we hope you’ll scan or photograph the completed worksheets to share your child’s brilliance with FAO and the world! Just post them on Facebook in a public post, tagging the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, or send them to info@ffao.org for a chance for your child’s work to be shared with our audience!

We could all use some wisdom and creativity from the children of Appalachian Ohio right now!

About the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio
The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is a regional community foundation serving the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio with the mission of enriching the region’s current and future quality of life. A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Foundation attracts contributions for programs and endowment, makes grants for charitable and civic purposes, and supports local efforts for positive change. For more information about FAO, visit www.appalachianohio.org.
What is your favorite place in Appalachian Ohio? Why?

Draw your favorite place in Appalachian Ohio and explain why it is your favorite place below.

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If you could invent anything, what would it be?

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Draw your invention here, and then describe it below.

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Who is a helper in your community in Appalachian Ohio? Who do you see making a difference in the lives of others?

Draw a helper in your community, and then describe them below.

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Who in your life and/or community has been a positive influence by encouraging you? Please tell us about this special person, and how he/she is encouraging you as you grow up. How do you hope to inspire others?

Draw who you think has been a positive influence here, and then tell us about that person.
What does it mean to be a child growing up in Appalachian Ohio? How will this special place and the people who call it home help you succeed as you grow up?

Draw yourself in twenty years, and tell us more below.