Middle and senior high school students are invited to participate in the Istanbul Center's Southeastern Regional Essay Contest.

- The Istanbul Center is a non-profit organization established in 2002 to promote better understanding and closer relations between individuals in the Southeastern United States.
- The Istanbul Center’s Southeastern Regional Global Connections Essay Contest invites middle and high school students to think critically about international social issues through written compositions. The theme for the 2012 essay contest is “1 Billion Hungry in the World: What is Your Role?”
- Students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 are invited to submit essays in separate categories. Essays must be original, unpublished, written by one student, and must not exceed 1,000 words.
- All essays must be submitted online at www.artessay.org by January 27, 2012. No hard copies will be accepted.
- Complete contest rules are attached. (See page 7 of the document.)
- Please note that Miami-Dade County Public Schools is only participating in the essay portion of the 2012 contest.
- State and Southeastern Regional winners are eligible for gift card prizes and a 10-day, expense paid trip to Turkey. (See pages 8-10 of the attached document.)
- For further information, contact the Istanbul Center at 305-406-3336 or by e-mail at infomiami@istanbulcenter.org

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