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WORDSMITHS CONTEST AGREEMENT & PUBLICATION RELEASE FORM for the January 2026 Writing Contest (The History of Everyday Things)

Student Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

By signing below, I confirm the following:

- ☐ I have completed this submission on my own, without using AI (artificial intelligence) or any external tools that would assist in the writing process beyond what is allowed in the contest rules.
- ☐ I understand the rules of the contest and have followed them fully, including the length, format, and content requirements.
- ☐ My parent/guardian has provided only the assistance allowed under the contest guidelines, and no more.
- ☐ I understand that my submission may be edited to fix spelling and punctuation errors before publication.
- ☐ I understand that submitting my work does not guarantee that it will be published or win a prize.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT AGREEMENT:

By signing below, I confirm the following:

- ☐ I have read the contest rules and ensured that my child has followed them, including the prohibition of AI tools in the writing process and any guidelines for parental assistance.
- ☐ I have reviewed my child's submission and can verify that it is their own original work, created without the use of AI or excessive outside assistance.
- ☐ I did not provide more help than what is allowed under the contest guidelines.
- ☐ I understand that my child's submission may be edited to fix spelling and punctuation errors before publication. I also understand that submitting does not guarantee winning or publication.
- ☐ I give permission to The Utah Homeschooler to publish my child's submission (including their first name, last initial, and writing) in the magazine, on their website, or in promotional materials (i.e., flyers or social media posts).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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