

The Johnson Society of London

Essay Competition 2010

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- I. Attempt; endeavour.
2. A loose sally of the mind; an irregular indigested piece; not a regular and orderly composition.
3. A trial; an experiment.
4. First taste of any thing; first experiment.

Samuel Johnson, *A Dictionary of the English Language* (1755)

Pembroke College, Oxford and The Johnson Society of London are pleased to announce that the theme of this year's **Pembroke College Prize** is **Novelty**. The winning essay will be awarded £500 and will be published in The Johnson Society of London's annual periodical, *The New Rambler*.

How to apply:

There are no set rules about the form or style of the submission, although entrants may wish to bear in mind Johnson's own ideas about the essay, as exemplified by *The Rambler*, *The Idler* and *The Adventurer*.

The closing date for the competition is 30 October 2010: entries received after this date will not be considered. Please send two copies of your essay to Dr Freya Johnston, St Anne's College, Oxford OX2 6HS. (Entries by email will not be considered.)

Entries should be a maximum of 2,500 words, typed in 12 point, double-spaced and printed on single-sided paper. Pages should be numbered and securely attached. Footnotes and references are not required and should not be included. Please enclose the following details with your essay: your name, address, telephone number and email address, and a signed declaration that the essay is an original piece of your own work.

The winner will be announced on 11 December 2010 at the annual luncheon of The Johnson Society of London.