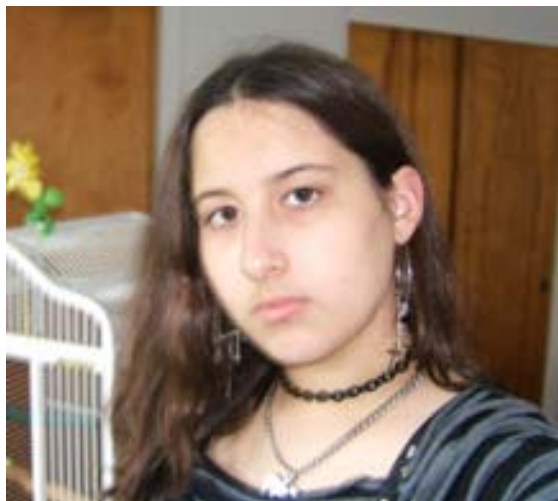


Imagining Tomorrow: Alternate Energy Futures™

A Short Story Contest for Massachusetts High-school Students

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About the Author — Alison Crandall, “Ending the Apocalypse”



Alison M Crandall is 15, and a freshman at Lee Middle and High School in Lee, MA.

She writes: I live with my mom, brother, aunt, and grandparents in Otis. I have a lovebird named Sunshine which I've had for six years. I enjoy video games, reading, writing, drawing, and working with computers (website coding and graphics/animation).

Since I take honors classes I usually have a lot of homework, but I try to make time for these things, and enjoy it when my school work incorporates what I like to do into the curriculum.

In her afterward, Alison writes:

“My story was based off an older story of mine that I had started writing and also on what nuclear power could do to our world. The nuclear weapon possession crisis around the world particularly interested me because I don't like the idea that one day a country could get in a pointless war with each other and end up blowing up each other – or the whole continent. It doesn't seem like much of a solution.

I also don't think it's a good energy source, because no one knows what to do with the radioactive waste and it's a very dangerous process – if one thing goes wrong and the power is used on a large scale, it could be as dangerous as using the power as a weapon. There are survivors to the explosions in my story, and I realize that that isn't possible, but I needed characters, otherwise, I tried to be as realistic as possible. Hopefully, nuclear power doesn't become the choice energy source of the future.”