

Literature Guidance

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.

LITERATURE is the art of writing. The **author** (the student submitting the entry) is a person who expresses their original thoughts and ideas through the use of words. Authors submit a single literary work, handwritten or typed, using grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Collections of literary works (such as collected poems or short stories) are not accepted.

Consider the following literary styles to portray your original work of fiction or nonfiction: Prose, Poetry, Drama, Reflective essay, Narrative, or Short story.

An explanation of the storyline and/or the significance of the literature style might be a useful addition to the artist statement. Whether an entry displays formal writing technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality, and creativity. Illustrated entries, including books, with pictures drawn by the student author are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.

Dictation and Typing

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is included.
- Students in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- Transcribers should attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is present in the student's original work.

Translation

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language. **An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.**
- Translators should attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is present in the student's original work.

Submission Instructions:

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Entry must not exceed 2000 words.
- Submit entry on 8.5 x 11 paper (one sided only).
- Hand written & typed entries are accepted on 8.5x11 paper (one sided only), PDF file.
- Save a copy of your submitted entry.
- Submit electronically as instructed by Free State PTA.