

Literature

LITERATURE is the art of writing. The **author** (student submitting entry) is a person who expresses their own thoughts and ideas through the use of words. Authors submit a single literary work, handwritten or typed, using grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Consider the following literary styles to portray your original work of fiction or nonfiction: prose, poetry, drama, reflective essay, narrative, and short story. Collections of literary work (such as poems and short stories) are not accepted.

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. **Consider plot and characterization, setting and imagery, style, symbolism, etc. to show a clear relation to the theme.**

Copyright: Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.

The following uses of dictation, transcription, illustration, and translation are acceptable:

- Entries may be typed by another person if the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- If the student artist is unable, entries may be dictated to another person and printed or typed in exact words as provided by the student.
- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit entries in their own language. **An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.**
- Translators/Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.
- Illustrated entries, including books, with pictures drawn by the student author are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.

Submission Requirements:

- 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 2,000 words.
- Handwritten & typed entries are accepted on 8.5x11 paper (one sided only). Number each page and include student name, entry title, arts category, and division on back of entry.
- Digital submissions must be a PDF file.
- Submit artwork and student entry form according to your local, council, and state guidelines.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.