



Literature – Specific Rules/Guidelines

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. Collections of literary work (such as poems and short stories) are not accepted.

Reflect on the 2019-2020 Theme: *Look Within*

Submission Requirements:

- Original signed and completed student entry form should be in a **sheet protector** and securely affixed to the front of a **re-closable manila envelope**. Place the literature entry in the **manila envelope**.
- Writing must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entry may be hand written or typed on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- Entry should be **single sided** and include **page numbers** (if more than one page).
- Entry should not be mounted or bound (including: no staples).
- Entry may be illustrated, but entry will be judged solely on the written content. Graphic novels are acceptable.
- Only new and original literature entries inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the work of one student only.
- Label back of last page of entry with your student name, title of artwork, category, division, PTA name and number.
- **Literature entries may not be returned by WSPTA. Keep a copy for your records.**

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

Acceptable Use of Type, Dictation and Translation:

- Be typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Be dictated to another person and printed or typed in exact words as spoken by the student if the student is in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade. (Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work).
- 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 make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.

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

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation