



ILLINOIS PTA REFLECTIONS LITERATURE- CATEGORY 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.

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

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 as long as 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. Accepted file types include PDF.
- Include student name, entry title, arts category and division on back of entry or separate page.
- Submit artwork and student entry form according to your PTA's instructions.
- Handwritten & typed entries are accepted on 8.5x11 paper (one sided only). Number each page.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.