



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

Reflect on the 2021-2022 Theme: *I Will Change the World By...*

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.

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.
- Hand written & typed entries are accepted on 8.5x11 paper (one sided only), **PDF file.** File size cannot exceed 3 MB.
- Number each page.
- Include student name, entry title, arts category and division on back of entry.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation and any NC Specific Rules & Guidelines