



## 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 may 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 2020-2021 Theme: *I Matter Because...***

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

**Originality:** Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Only one entry may be submitted by each student. Each entry must be the work of one student only. 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 the literary content is judged.

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

**Presentation:** Entry may be handwritten or typed. Writing must not exceed 2,000 words. The **student's name should not appear on the front of any page.**

### **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.
- If the student is in pre-school, kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade it may be dictated to another person and printed or typed in exact words as spoken by the student. 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.

### **Packaging:**

- Print Format: Number each page. Print on 8.5"x11" paper (one sided only).
- Electronic Format: Save/scan word document as a single PDF. Label file with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name (*Example: TN.LIT.PRI.SMITH.JOHN*)
- Label Cover Page/CD/USB Drive with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name. Submit literature and student entry form according to your PTA's instructions.

**State Specific Instructions:** See the Tennessee PTA – Local Leaders Guide at <http://tnpta.org/reflections.html> for requirements. All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.

