



PTA® Reflections

Literature Rules

RICHARDSON ISD COUNCIL
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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.

2020-2021 Theme: I Matter Because...

Consider the following literary styles to portray your original work of fiction or nonfiction: Prose, poetry, drama (screen play and play script), reflective essay, narrative, or short story.

Originality: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Each entry must be the work of one student only.

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

Presentation: Entry may be hand written or typed. Writing must not exceed 2,000 words.

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.

Judging: Entries will be judged on mastery of the medium (worth 8 points), artistic merit (worth 12 points), and interpretation of the theme (worth 20 points). Mastery of the medium in the context of the national Reflections Program pertains to the level of skill the student displays, whether it's a formal writing technique or a simple approach. However, a well-developed concept is more important than technique. Entries will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

Many times, the artist statement will make a huge difference during judging because this is where the artist can explain in their own words, their thoughts and feelings for their piece. An explanation of the storyline and/or the significance of the literature style might be a useful addition to the statement. Spoken word audio recordings and illustrated entries including books with pictures drawn by the student author are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.

Packaging:

- Send digitally to your local PTA along with the entry form.

Submission Requirements:

- It is not required to be a member of the PTA, but If the student advances to the district level, the student or at least one person from their primary household must have been a current member of the Local PTA.
- Each Local PTA may determine a date by which the member must join.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.

THE LOCAL (SCHOOL) PTA MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION BEFORE ADVANCING

Verify household membership and complete partial or illegible entry forms. **CORRECT and COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION is VERY important as the entry progresses so the family receives information about possible awards and ceremonies.**

School PTA Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Household Membership Verified by: _____ Date Joined: _____

Local (School) PTA must attain Active Status with Texas PTA by October 31st
 PTA has reported at least 20 members to Texas PTA

 Board Member Information Reported to Texas PTA

Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink (do not use pencil). This form must be completed in its entirety.

If additional space is needed, please continue onto the back or a separate sheet of paper and clearly mark with your full name.

The student or at least one person from their primary household must be a current member of the Local PTA/PTSA where the student is participating. Encourage members to join before judging begins.

 REQUIRED PTA MEMBER NAME(S): _____ CHOOSE ONE: Current Member/Date Joined: _____

 Please contact me! We need to join.

The best way to contact me is by: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____ M/F: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

TEACHER NAME: _____ TEACHER EMAIL: _____

Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. I agree to the above statement and the National PTA Reflections Official Rules.

 Signature of student

 Signature of parent/legal guardian (required if child is under 18 years)

JUDGING INFORMATION
GRADE DIVISION (Check One)
 PRIMARY (Preschool- Grade 2) HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

 INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5) SPECIAL ARTIST* (All Grades)

 MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

ARTS CATEGORY (Check One)
 DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

 MUSIC COMPOSITION

 FILM PRODUCTION

 PHOTOGRAPHY

 LITERATURE

 VISUAL ARTS

*Please refer to the Special Artist Guidelines if you believe your entry qualifies for this division.

Special Artist entrants should select both their grade division and the Special Artist box.

TITLE OF ARTWORK (REQUIRED): _____

ENTRY DETAILS: (Dance/Film: cite background music; Music: musician(s)/instrumentation; Literature: word count; Photo/Visual Arts: materials & dimensions) _____

ARTIST STATEMENT (REQUIRED): Statement must be 10- 100 words describing how your work relates to the theme. *Many times, the artist statement will make a huge difference during judging because this is where you as the artist can explain in your own words, your thoughts and feelings for the piece.

