



Literature Design Tips

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.

To portray your original writing:

Consider the following literary styles: prose, poetry, drama, reflective essay, narrative, short story.

To show a clear relation to the theme, “I Belong!”, use fiction or non-fiction, plot and characterization, setting and imagery, style, symbolism, etc.

Literature | Artist Statement Tips

Titles and artist statements can be useful in sharing details specific to your writing that help capture your creative process and theme interpretation. Consider the following:

- **Summarize** the plot (main events, key turning points) without revealing too much.
- **Describe** how the structure and point of view enhance the narrative or help convey the theme, “I Belong!”.
- **Explain** the themes in the piece along with how they relate to you personally, to the reader and to the annual Reflections theme.
- **Examine** the significant elements of narrative voice, literary devices, language, and/or diction in the piece.

CATEGORY LINKS:



Check List



Tips



Illustration, Translation & Transcription



Digital Tools & Technology

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections/craft-an-entry#topics>

Literature | Category Guidelines

Whether an entry displays formal writing technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses their artistic vision to portray the theme, “I Belong!” originality and creativity.

The following uses of dictation, transcription, illustration and translation are acceptable:

- Illustrated entries, including books, with pictures drawn by the student author are acceptable; however, *only literary content is judged*.
- Entries may be typed by another person if 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.

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

Submission Requirements

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme, “I Belong!” may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Entry must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Handwritten and typed entries are accepted on 8.5x11 paper (one sided only). Number each page.
- Accepted file format: PDF.
- Include any student information *on back of entry*.
- Submit artwork and student entry form **BY CLICKING HERE, ON THE ONLINE FORM.**

All participants must also follow the official rules for participation