

UIL Literary Criticism

Things You Should Know about the State Meet

Congratulations on qualifying for the UIL State Meet!

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The LitCrit competition will take place at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, 26 May in Welch Hall, rm. 1.308. Verification and Awards are scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 26 May in the SAC Auditorium.

No Coaches' Conference is scheduled.

The coaches of competing schools are invited to help grade classifications other than their own. Coaches also are encouraged to monitor the hallway during the contest in order to keep hall-traffic noise to a minimum. (Thanks!)

Verification will take place immediately preceding the Awards Ceremony. Contestants who are unable to attend verification and the Awards Ceremony are asked to bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope so that their papers can be returned to them; envelopes should be handed to the contest director before the contest begins.

Contestants should **bring their own pens or sharpened #2 pencils**. Paper for the required response to the tie-breaking essay prompt will be provided.

Contestants should **know their conference (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A), region, and district numbers**; contestant name badges will be issued, and they must be worn during the contest.

No cell phones, iPods, Blackberries, or any other devices of similar nature should be taken into the contest room. Personal timing devices—watches etc.—are allowed as long as the device does not emit any audible sounds during the contest.

There are no pre-assigned seats; however, do NOT sit next to *or near* any of your teammates or anyone else you know. Neither should any contestants sit side by side. Alternates will be called after roll is called for all six conferences. Listen attentively!

PLEASE NOTE: Both verification and the awards ceremony are scheduled to take place in the auditorium (room 1.402) of the Student Activities Center at 4:00 p.m. on 26 May.

THE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL FOLLOW VERIFICATION. MEDALS AND PLAQUES WILL BE AWARDED BY CONFERENCE.

Contestants placing sixth, fifth, and fourth will come forward to receive their medals.

Contestants placing third, second, and first will come forward and the medals will be draped.

The coach of the individual gold medalist will come forward to receive a UIL coach's pin.

The second-place team will be called; team members will be draped with medals.

The first-place team and coach will be called; team members will be draped with medals.

The coach will receive the school plaque and a UIL coach's pin.

The LitCrit tradition of teams coming to the stage to show and explain t-shirt designs will *probably* take place immediately prior to the verification period. Again, Congratulations! on qualifying for UIL State.