

2018 ACADEMIC STATE MEET CONTESTANTS AND COACHES

UIL Literary Criticism Contest

Things You Should Know about the State Meet

Congratulations on qualifying for the UIL State Meet!

—Mark Bernier, UIL State Literary Criticism Contest Director

Literary Criticism competition will take place at 5:00 p.m., Friday, 4 May in GSB 2.124.

Verification and the Awards Ceremony are at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, 5 May in UTC 2.112A.

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**; name badges will be issued and must be worn during the contest.

No cell phones, iPods, Blackberries, or any other device 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 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 contestants sit side by side (if the room size allows). Alternates will be called after roll is called for all conferences. Please listen attentively! The room is a smaller room than last year's; please take this difference into account as you find a seat.

The Awards Ceremony will follow verification in the University Teaching Center (UTC) 2.112A.

Contestants placing individually sixth, fifth, and fourth will come forward—without their coaches—to receive their medals.

Contestants placing individually 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 and coach will be called, and the team members will be draped with medals.

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

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

The Literary Criticism tradition of holding a team t-shirt fashion show will *probably* occur immediately prior to the verification period.

Congratulations on advancing to State!