Helpful Checklist for UIL Prose Documentation Requirements

Competitors must choose contest material that meets the criteria established in the Category Restrictions, Guidelines and Descriptions. Read the UIL Constitution & Contest Rules for this important information. Also consult the UIL Prose and Poetry Handbook and the UIL web site for assistance concerning acceptable/unacceptable documentation.

- ❑ Am I certain that my Category A and Category B selections are not plays, screenplays or speeches?
- ❑ Do I have proof my Category A selection is **published in hard copy**? *(Show this proof to the contest director.)*
- ❑ If my selection for Category A was taken from a literary collection (**anthology**), do I have documentation the literature is included in that anthology? (Use the original source, or a photocopy of the table of contents showing the title of the book and also the first page of my selection, or a printout from an online source proving that the selection is included in the published collection.)
- ❑ Do I have documentation my Category A author was **born in 1960 or after**?
  - √ Encyclopedia or reference book entry
  - √ Formal correspondence from author/publisher
  - √ Other published biographical information
  - √ Newspaper/Magazine article
  - √ Book Jacket *(Show this proof to the contest director.)*
- ❑ If my documentation is taken from an online source, have I printed the specific page containing the birthdate of the author and checked to make sure the URL is printed in the header/footer of the page(s)?
- ❑ Is the author of my selection for Category A **differen**t from the **author** whose selection I am reading for Category B?
- ❑ Do I have the **original source** for contest? (optional but strongly encouraged)
- ❑ Do I have proof my Category B selection is **published in hard copy**? *(Show this proof to the contest director.)*
- ❑ If performing a program for Category B, have I included no more than 4 prose selections?
- ❑ Do I have proof my Category B prose selection(s) is/are **related to a newsworthy event**?
  - √ *www.History.com/this-day-in-history*
  - √ *www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/index.html*
  - √ Original or photocopy of the published news story
  - √ Headline or lead story with the URL downloaded in the header or footer on the printed page

  (Show this proof to the contest director.)
- ❑ If my documentation is taken from an online source, have I printed the specific page containing the birthdate of the author and checked to make sure the URL is printed in the header/footer of the page(s)?
- ❑ If my selection was taken from a literary collection (**anthology**), do I have documentation the literature is included in that anthology? (Use the original source, or a photocopy of the table of contents showing the title of the book and proof that your specific selection is included in that book, or a printout from an online source proving that the selection is included in the published collection.)
- ❑ Is the author of my selection for Category B **different** from the **author** whose selection I am reading for Category A?
- ❑ Do I have the **original source** for contest? (optional but strongly encouraged)