



2025 UIL Academic State Meet

Information for Contestants and Coaches

Literary Criticism

Things You Should Know

The Literary Criticism Contest will take place in Welch Hall; grading in WEL 3.502; the Awards in the UTC.

The 2025 Literary Criticism Contest will take place at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, 20 May in WEL 1.308.

Verification and the Awards Ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, 20 May in UTC 2.112A.

No Coaches' Conference is scheduled.

Coaches are invited to help grade classifications other than their own. Coaches are also 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 are asked to provide 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), and district numbers**; the contestants' knowing both their conference number and their district number helps facilitate the process of collecting completed tests.

No smart phones, iPods, Blackberries, earbuds, or any other device of similar nature—including **smartphones**—should be taken into the contest room. Personal timing devices—simple 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 contestants sit side by side. Alternates will be called after roll is called for all conferences. Please listen attentively!

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 receive a UIL coach's pin.

The third-place team and coach will be called, and the team members will be draped with medals.

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 first-place coach will receive a UIL coach's pin.

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

Congratulations on advancing to State!

From UIL State Office: Please complete the Coach Information Form [here](#).

—Mark Bernier, UIL State Literary Criticism Contest Director

State UIL Academic Participants are eligible to apply for a TILF Scholarship at <http://www.tilfoundation.org>.