

WRITING ACADEMIC TOURNAMENT QUESTIONS ENGLISH / LANGUAGE ARTS

Literature

American literature: colonial to modern times
English literature: Old English (Anglo-Saxon) to modern times
World literature: Biblical, Babylonian, Persian, Classical
Western nursery rhymes and fairy tales

Some areas of emphasis:

Titles, authors, and characters of literary works
Major symbols of works
Famous settings
Contents of works
First lines and last lines of major works
Innovative styles of writers in certain works
Dates of publication of works and of the story within the work
Quotations by author and title
Shakespeare's life and works
Chronology of: literary movements, literary schools, works, and authors' lives
Characteristics of literary schools, movements, and genre
Literary terms, literary techniques, and literature as an origin of words
Famous events which either affect or are affected by literature
Effects of literature on modern works—e.g., sources of titles, plots for movies, musicals, cartoons, art works, etc.
Literary awards
Poetic forms
Special areas such as: women as authors, series of works, authors as artists and other occupations, famous epitaphs and last words, current events in literature, and others.

Vocabulary

analogies, meaning, spelling, etymology, alphabetical order, usage

Grammar

sentence structure, grammatical errors, etc.