

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

How has an author's work--novel, nonfiction, poetry--changed your view of the world or yourself? What did you learn about yourself that you didn't realize before reading the author's work? Don't write a book report. The author already wrote the book and knows what happened. What the author doesn't know is how you reacted while reading the book. Write about that--your response in a reflective, personal letter to the author! That is the LAL writing challenge.

Each year, LAL awards thousands of dollars through state and national prizes, as well as LAL library grants. Last year, 70,000 young people entered. For more information browse this site: <http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org> for sample letters. Mrs. Foster will go over more detailed information in November on how you will enter the contest. Don't forget to look at the *ENVELOPE ART* competition, as well!