



A+ Editorial

Before the contest begins, coaches may assist with putting contestant numbers on the answer page if necessary. Inform contestants and coaches of the time and place of the optional viewing period, if one is scheduled. Spectators and coaches not assigned a specific duty in administering the contest should be dismissed from the contest room before the contest begins.

- (1) *Distribute answer sheets and call roll (if necessary).*
- (2) **Say: “This is the UIL Editorial Writing event. Write or type your contestant number in the upper right corner of your blank first page. Remember to also write or type your number in the upper right hand corner of any additional pages you use.”**
- (3) *After all students have written their contestant number and circled their grade level,*
Say:
“Now, I am going to pass out the Editorial Writing prompt. Do not turn it over until I tell you to do so.”
- (4) *After all students have received a prompt sheet,* **Say: “You will have 45 minutes to write your editorial. At the end of 45 minutes, I will tell you to stop. I will let you know when there are 15 and then 5 minutes left to write your paper. You may now turn over the prompt page and begin writing.”**
- (5) *After 30 minutes,* **Say: “You now have 15 minutes to finish your story.”**
- (6) *After 40 minutes,* **Say: “You now have 5 minutes to finish your story.”**
- (7) *After 45 minutes,* **Say: “It is now time to stop writing or typing. Please put your pencils or pens down, press “print” if you typed your paper, and I will collect your prompts, notes and contestant papers.”**

**** The contest official may ad lib as necessary while conducting the contest. ****