

POETRY – PERFORMANCE

Description:

Create an original poem or prose piece and perform it as a compelling monologue or dialogue. This performance should incorporate elements of extemporaneous speaking.

Requirements:

1. Submission: Submit one notarized copy of your original poem or prose.
2. Formatting:
 - Each page must include your name, page number, and unit name and number.
 - Your work should be original, typed in 12-point Calibri or Times New Roman font.
 - Retain the original form of your piece (free verse, rhymed metrical poetry, etc.).
 - Do not exceed 3 pages.
3. Performance:
 - Perform your work before a panel of judges.
 - Your performance must not exceed 3 minutes. Exceeding this limit may result in point deductions or disqualification.

Judging Criteria:

Criteria	Points
Emotional/Physical Presence	20
Original Thought	20

Voice and Articulation	20
Structure/Form and Overall Presentation	20
Evidence of Understanding/Accuracy	20
Total	100

Emotional/Physical Presence:

- Emotional connection to the topic
- Eye contact, body language, and poise

Original Thought:

- Unique subject matter or perspective
- Avoidance of cliché or derivative ideas

Voice and Articulation:

- Volume, pace, rhythm, and intonation
- Clear pronunciation

Structure/Form and Overall Presentation:

- Effective use of line breaks and stanzas
- Strong title
- Correct grammar and punctuation

Evidence of Understanding/Accuracy:

- Clear comprehension of the material
- Accurate recitation of the text

Tips for Contestants:

- **Choose a Topic You're Passionate About:** Your enthusiasm will shine through in your performance.
- **Practice, Practice, Practice:** Rehearse your piece multiple times to perfect your delivery.
- **Connect with Your Audience:** Use eye contact to engage your listeners and create a personal connection.
- **Embrace Extemporization:** Be prepared to think on your feet and adapt to unexpected situations.
- **Pay Attention to Detail:** Proofread your work carefully and ensure your performance is polished.
- **Be Yourself:** Let your unique personality shine through in your performance.
- **Enjoy the Process:** Have fun and express yourself creatively!