

Rules for Poetry

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Time Limit: 2-3 minutes (with a 10 second grace period before and after)

Aim of Category:

To learn and practice the skills needed to express and convey the meaning and emotion of poetry

Description of Category:

Inflectional, clear articulation, pronunciation, as well as the use of pause and pace, can be used to interpret poetry. Students should remember that in poetry, emotion, image, rhythm, and sound are all equally important. Students should also state clearly and with some development, the reason they chose the poem, the overall meaning/themes of the poem, and any other special aspects the students feel are important. This 'introduction' should not be longer than 30 seconds. This is an individual category.

Types of Source Material Allowed:

Published poems of all styles will be the main focus. However, students may also adapt their own poems from other materials: combination of different poems, song lyrics, speeches, prose, etc. Students may also choose to write their own poems.

Rules:

1. This is an individual category.
2. Performances must be 2-3 minutes in duration.(A 10 second grace period will be allowed before and after)
3. No costumes or make-up is allowed.
4. No props. This includes anything "found" in the room: bottles, chairs, books, pencils etc.
5. No recorded music or sound effects. No special lighting. No use of any technical equipment.
6. There must be a clear introduction stating title and author(s)
7. Audience interaction is not allowed. Asides and breaking the 4th wall is permitted, but without any response required from the audience, and should be extremely limited.
8. This is not a musical. Singing should be incidental and not lasting longer than 20 seconds.
9. All poems must be memorized. No prompts or assistance can be used or given.

Violation of Rules:

1. A clear violation of a rule will receive a 10 point penalty.
2. Time violations will receive a 5 point penalty.
3. Judges must note exact reasons for all penalties.

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