

POETRY – WRITTEN

Description

A linguistic composition that explores the imagination and evokes emotion through text.

Overview

Calling All Young Poets! Are you a wordsmith with a passion for poetry? Do you have a story to tell, an emotion to express, or a vision to share? Then this poetry competition is for you! Poetry is a powerful art form that uses language for its sound, beauty, and ability to evoke deep meaning. Your poem must be an original work—no need to perform it, just let your creativity shine on the page and make your words unforgettable!

Competition Requirements:

1. Original Work: Your poem must be your own original creation.
2. Typed Submission: Please type your poem using a 12-point font, such as Calibri or Times New Roman.
3. Formatting:
 - a. Include your name, page number, and unit name/number at the top of each page.
 - b. Retain the original form of your poem (free verse or structured).
 - c. Do not exceed 3 pages.
4. Notarized Copy: Submit one notarized copy of your original poem.
5. Interview: Top contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges to discuss their work. Contestants may perform/read one stanza/verse from their poem. Points are not awarded for performing/reading the segment.

Judging Criteria:

Criteria	Weight	Description
Emotional Connection	20	Does the poem evoke a strong emotional response in the reader?
Original Thought	20	Is the poem unique and thought-provoking?
Sequential Development	20	Does the poem have a clear structure and flow?
Structure & Presentation	20	Is the poem well-formatted and grammatically correct?
Language & Theme	20	Does the poem use vivid language and imagery to enhance the theme?
Total	100	

Notes for Judges

- This competition is interview based and requires advanced screening of the contestants' materials in order to adequately interview them on the day of the competition. Each contestant will only have an allocated time allotment of 10 minutes.

- You should not under any circumstances engage with the students before or after the competition until the Awards Ceremony has concluded.
- You must provide honest constructive feedback for each contestant that you are judging.
- Scoring Rubric:
 - 95-100 - Qualifies as a Gold Medalist ○
 - 90+Up - Qualifies as a Silver Medalist ○
 - 85+Up - Qualifies as a Bronze Medalist □Please take heed that the identifying word here is “Qualifies”. There can be multiple contestants that can qualify as gold medalist and if that’s the case the highest score will receive the gold, and silver and bronze will be allocated to the next two highest scores.
 - In the event the highest score is a 90 then there is no gold medalist and there’s only a possibility for a silver and bronze medalist as long as the remaining scores land within the 85+Up region.

Tips for Contestants:

- Read widely: Explore different poetic styles and techniques.
- Write from the heart: Let your emotions guide your writing.
- Revise and edit: Polish your work.
- Practice your presentation: Be prepared to discuss your poem with the judges.
- Believe in yourself: Your unique voice deserves to be heard.

Let your words soar! Submit your best work and showcase your poetic talent.