

Poet's Name/Nom de plume:

Title:

Date:

Slam Poetry Rubric

Category	Exceptional (4)	Engaging (3)	Enjoyable (2)	Mundane (1)	Score
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evocative subject matter</li> <li>• Entire piece is relevant to theme</li> <li>• Perspective is nuanced or complex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interesting subject matter</li> <li>• Most of the content is relevant to theme</li> <li>• Perspective is unique or presented coherently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tame subject matter</li> <li>• Content is somewhat related to theme</li> <li>• Perspective is limited or presented incoherently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unclear subject matter</li> <li>• Content is unrelated to theme or lacks a theme altogether</li> <li>• Perspective is unpleasant or simplistic</li> </ul>	/4
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manner of speech and body language greatly enhances content</li> <li>• Symbolic gestures or actions used throughout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manner of speech and body language improves content</li> <li>• Gestures and actions used occasionally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Content is delivered with some style</li> <li>• Gestures and actions used sporadically or not at all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Content is delivered with little to no style. Artist seems unfamiliar with content.</li> <li>• Manner of speech and body language clash with content</li> </ul>	/4
Affect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem is stirring, moving, or deeply meaningful</li> <li>• Poem “digs deep” and is insightful about the poet or subject matter</li> <li>• Feels are had long after poem is over</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem is emotionally engaging and intelligent</li> <li>• Poem shows its work and voice is authentic and sincere</li> <li>• Feels are had during the poem and maybe a bit after</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem raises issues it doesn't entirely resolve or provide closure on</li> <li>• Poem doesn't show all its work or there is some confusion about their voice in the story.</li> <li>• Some feels are had but not very many. Poem does not resonate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem raises upsetting issues and does not provide resolution or closure</li> <li>• Poem is overly egotistical and/or voice lacks authenticity</li> <li>• Bad feels are had or are raised with no resolution</li> </ul>	/4
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audience is on fire in response to content</li> <li>• Poem is delivered deliberately and in concert with audience reaction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audience responds to or applauds some content</li> <li>• Poem is delivered with some content lost due to audience response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audience does not respond to content in any meaningful way</li> <li>• Poem is forcefully delivered with no audience interaction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audience responds negatively to the content</li> <li>• Poem uses inappropriate language or expresses harmful viewpoints</li> </ul>	/4
Timely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem is under 3 minutes and 10 seconds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem is longer than allowed and is under 3 minutes and 40 seconds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem is too long and is under 4 minutes and 10 seconds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poem does not respect time limit and is over 4 minutes and 10 seconds.</li> </ul>	/4
<b>Total:</b>					<b>/20</b>