



Poetry Slam Evaluation/Criteria

 Score:

Name of Exhibitor: _____ Age: _____

Poetry Slam Title: _____

A Poetry Slam is a mash up of a public presentation and stage performance. It is intentionally engaging — capturing and maintaining the audience's attention. Performances must be original content, written and performed by the participant. The presentation may be on a phone/device, printed paper or notecards. It does not need to be memorized yet please rehearse your presentation so the notes are not just read. Each poetry slam performance must be 3–4 minutes in length. Consider using “poetry slam” candor, rhythm and emphasis on certain aspects. It doesn't have to be rhyming to be poetry! Below is the rubric used for judging. Read the comments to see suggestions to improve your presentation. **Thank you for hard work and efforts! *This will not Poetry Slam doesn't count against the Stage/Performance quota.**

 4-H dress code and program content expectations may be reviewed at: <https://go.uvm.edu/4h-dresscode>

Criteria	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Not Done	Comments/Suggestions
Skill Level: Participant knew their lines/words/routines	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
Structure: Easy to follow and understand, flowed smoothly, and no time lapses in performance	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
Attire: Participant's outfit was appropriate and in accordance with 4-H dress code	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
Content: The theme/topic was incorporated and the presentation upheld 4-H ideals (positivity, kindness and healthy behaviors)	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 0	
Time Limit: Within time limit of 3-4 minutes	<input type="radio"/> 4				<input type="radio"/> 0	
Performance: Speaker showed good inflection, proper pronunciation, used expression to demonstrate points, appeared conversational and natural, made eye contact with audience, and voice was loud and clear enough to hear; reliance on notecards was limited	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 0	
Overall Creative Impression: Presentation was creative, sparked audience attention, and was memorable	<input type="radio"/> 8	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 0	
BONUS: Originality: Two (2) points can be given as a bonus for originality	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 0				
Points Deduction: Written materials should be free of spelling mistakes. Two (2) points will be deducted if words are misspelled, and one (1) point will be deducted if lettering is too small						Total points deducted:

 Blue Ribbon (40-34 points) = Excellent

 Red Ribbon (33-26 points) = Very Good

 White Ribbon (25-1 points) = Good

Additional Comments or Suggestions:

 Evaluator Name