

ANNUAL AACs ESSAY AND POETRY CONTEST

POETRY JUDGING FORM

_____ Elementary (Grades 4-6)

_____ Junior High (Grades 7-9)

Name _____ School _____

City _____ State _____ Grade _____

1. ORIGINALITY, CONTENT, AND COMMUNICATION (60 points)

- a. Does the poem have a creative approach to the topic? (25 points) _____
- b. Is the poem well organized (content)? (20 points) _____
- c. Does the theme or idea tie the poet's verses together? (5 points) _____
- d. Is the reader left with a "finished" feeling? (5 points) _____
- e. Level of work (5 points) _____

TOTAL THIS SECTION

2. POETRY MECHANICS (25 points)

- a. If the poem is in rhyme, is the rhyme scheme correct? If there is no rhyme, are poetic devices appropriately used? (5 points) _____
- b. Is the meter consistent throughout and appropriate for the subject/mood? If there is no meter, does the poem flow? (5 points) _____
- c. Does the poet have a feeling for sound devices other than rhythm and rhyme (such as alliteration, assonance, consonance, refrain, etc.)? (5 points) _____
- d. Does the poet use imagery (including figures of speech), and is it used effectively? (5 points) _____
- e. Is the versification structure correct? (5 points) _____

TOTAL THIS SECTION

3. WRITING MECHANICS (15 points)

- a. Are spelling, capitalization, and punctuation correct? (5 points) _____
- b. Is the poem consistent in tense? (5 points) _____
- c. Is the point of view consistent throughout? (5 points) _____

TOTAL THIS SECTION _____

TOTAL POINTS FOR THE POEM _____

Comments? _____

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