Prose/Poetry
Comment Sheet

Contestant Name ____________________________________________________________ Code __________________

Round _____________________________ Section _______________________________ Speaker Time ______________

Selection Title _____________________________________________________________

Judge Name __________________ Judge Affiliation ____________________________

Directions: Using the prompts below, please provide constructive feedback to the competitor. Your comments should highlight areas of strength as well as provide areas for growth. Be as specific as possible in your feedback. Use the space to expand your thoughts on any of these areas or to comment on specific moments or lines that stood out to you. Please do not comment on participants’ attire or appearance; this should not play a role in your decision.

Performance
Is the presenter comfortable and commanding in the space? Does the presenter’s use of physicality, facial expression, and gestures enhance the performance?

Vocalization
Does the presenter bring the words to life? In Prose: does the presenter’s use of vocal qualities like diction, pausing, and volume advance the narrative? In Poetry: does the presenter’s use of vocal qualities like rhythm, pacing, and volume advance the performance?

Cutting
Is the theme or narrative easy to follow throughout the selection of literature? Does the selection flow well and make sense in terms of how it’s developed?

Reason for Decision: (Why did this performance earn the rank that you assigned?)

Contestant Rank _______ / _______ Speaker Points ____________ (out of 100)

Judge Signature ____________________________________________________________