

Original Spoken Word 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? Consider breathing, tone, pitch, enunciation, phrasing, and pace. Consider presentation of mood and imagery, vocal characterization, and creation of unifying effect.

Originality

Since this poetry is written by the contestants delivering them, consider its thought and composition. Do the rhetoric, diction, rhythm, and flow pace make the poetry well-suited for oral presentation?

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

Contestant Rank _____ / _____

Speaker Points _____ (out of 100)

Judge Signature _____