

Name(s): _____ Title: _____

Score: /10

Criteria

1. **NARRATIVE STRUCTURE** – the poem tells a story or series of experiences/observations
Ex: energy of the poem builds towards a climax
2. **COHESIVENESS** – the structure may be unconventional, but seemingly random or unrelated ideas actually fit together
Ex: one point acts as a spring board for the next; there are ‘common threads’ that run throughout
3. **INTERESTING IMAGERY & POWERFUL LANGUAGE**
Ex: the poet may open with a unique image, symbol or metaphor that he/she loops back to later in the poem or at the end
4. **RHYTHM** – the poem has a musical quality; it may rhyme, but it doesn’t have to
Ex: sound devices such as alliteration are used; pacing is deliberate and effective
5. **GENUINE EMOTION** – the words and presentation are passionate
Ex: could be funny, entertaining, sad, serious, inspiring, etc.....whatever, but the speaker shows emotion and rouses emotion in the audience
6. **DYNAMIC PRESENTATION THAT ENGAGES THE AUDIENCE**
Ex: powerful use of verbal and non-verbal communication skills such as eye contact, expressiveness, volume, clarity, intonation, gestures, etc.

10 – Impressive

9 – Excellent

8 – Very Good

7 – Competent

6 – Acceptable

5 – Minimally Adequate

4 – Almost Adequate

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