

# NEW JERSEY FORENSIC LEAGUE

## POETRY READING



Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Round Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (1,2,3,SF,F) Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **Print** Name and Affiliation

**Definition & General Rules:** The contestant shall take not less than 5 nor more than 10 minutes, to read from a manuscript a published poem or selection of poems. The poetry may either be lyrical or narrative, but dramatic poetry or cuttings from plays are not permitted. The presentation may consist of a single poem or of several poems. A program of poems must be unified by reason of author or theme.

**Judging Considerations  
Content:**

1. Suitability of the selection for the speaker.
2. Correct interpretation and effective communication of the speaker's mood and meaning.

**Delivery:**

1. Effective use of vocal qualities such as force, rate, enunciation, and pronunciation.
2. Effective use of gesture and facial expression
3. General poise
4. Actual reference to the text.

**Time Limits:**

5 to 10 minutes (with a 30 second grace period).

Please record time here:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** Please make comments constructive (including areas of praise and areas needing improvement). Please justify rank accordingly.

Student Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank (1-8): \_\_\_\_\_

No ties allowed in rank.

Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ (A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-)

Ties are permitted in ratings.