



SD 43 Spoken Word Finals

The criteria below are to be combined into one holistic score that you will assign to each "This I Believe" or Poetry Slam presentation. You will view an example prior to beginning the judging. You have two sets of cards: 0-5 (whole numbers) and 0-.9 (decimals). Use these cards to assign an overall score based on the criteria below for each presentation with a minimum score being 0.1 and a maximum score of 5.0. Write the score in the box at the bottom.

Participant Name: _____

Category: Poetry Slam

Topic: Communication

Instructions to judges:

Please consider the following categories, judge the presentation holistically (on its overall merit) and assign a score out of 5:

Audience Engagement: ability to capture and hold the attention of the audience; compelling; fun or engaging; great to listen to
Content: fits the format, vocabulary appropriate to form, used with effect and purpose, uses literary techniques and word play (where appropriate); at the highest level, the speaker seems to have mastery over how to fit the content into the form; uses the form adeptly, may manipulate the form for rhetorical effect.
Oral Delivery: volume, vocal inflections, humour (with purpose), natural quality to voice, tone of voice and delivery chosen to fit the form of the piece
Body Language: facial expressions, gestures, body movements; convey the tone/voice of the piece, at the highest level, the piece has an element of performance
Overall Presentation: overall performance, prepared and/or rehearsed, practiced; errors or stumbles may be present, but do not affect the overall power of the piece; at the highest level,
Creativity: The piece reveals creativity in any number of ways: word play/metaphor; creative subject or creative approach to the subject; there may be an element of surprise in the piece, or a sense that listeners can't predict every word that the speaker will say or every direction that the piece will use in; may use creative imagery or stories to make its point; uses literary elements in a fresh way.

**Holistic
Score:** _____