

Poetry & Prose (Formerly Oral Interpretation)

Poetry & Prose is:

- ✓ Reading an excerpt from a book or written work using voices, gestures, facial expressions, narrations, and other means of creating a dramatic story telling.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Poetry & Prose Ages 7-9	1-2	No props – only the book or script	2-5 minutes	No	Book or script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Poetry & Prose Ages 10-13	1-2	No props – only the book or script	2-5 minutes	No	Book or script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Poetry & Prose Ages 14-18	1-2	No props – only the book or script	5-10 minutes	No	Book or Script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- No equipment is needed for this category.

Rules:

1. The age of the oldest member determines the competition age group. Example: A 9 & 11-year-old presenting together would be in the 10-13 age group.
2. Participants select all or a portion of a piece of literature (books, poetry, etc.). The selection can be published material or the participant's own work.
3. The title and author of the selection should be introduced during the presentation.
4. A short section may be added to the presentation to explain the context of the selection, particularly if it is taken from a longer work.
5. No props, audiovisuals, or costumes allowed.
6. Hands must not touch the floor, and one foot must remain on the floor at all times.
7. The entire presentation must be the original work of the 4-H member and abide by all copyright laws. All images and music must be cited correctly.
8. You must present your presentation in person.
9. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
10. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
11. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.



Poetry and Prose Score Sheet

Name: _____ Age: Junior (7-9) | Intermediate (10-13) | Senior (14-18)

Club: _____ Start Time: _____ | End Time: _____

Extension Unit: _____

Title: _____

Weight	The speaker	P	B	R	W	Comments
20	Content Selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection has literary merit and is worthy of performance Subject matter is appropriate and tasteful Meets time requirement 					
40	Vocal Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicates directly and sincerely Holds audience's attention Speaks clearly Develops characters portrayed effectively and distinctly Incorporates proper vocal techniques including projection, articulation, tone/pitch, rate/fluency, and inflection Demonstrates accurate pronunciation Performance is free from distracting mannerisms (um's, ah's, etc.) 					
40	Physical Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displays appropriate gestures and facial expressions Develops physical attributes of characters effectively and distinctly Exhibits good energy level, passion, movement, and posture Performance is free from distracting mannerisms (swaying, hands in pockets, etc.) 					

Penalty: Reduction by One Ribbon

___ Exceeds time (30-second grace period)

___ The title and author of the selection not noted in the speech.

Top Purple Alternate Top Purple Purple Blue Red White **Judges Initials:** _____

Comments(May use Back of Score Sheet):