

TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTEST

**Photography
Critique Sheet**

Contestant: _____

School: _____ Title: _____

Judges' Names: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

Please make sure you have read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet. Each judge should fill out his/her own critique sheet for each entry. Make at least a few comments on each sheet. Determine the winners by adding all the points given by the judges. **Double-check your addition.** Fill out the results sheet after ALL entries have been judged.

RULES

Limit: Two entries per school. Entries consist of a single student's work – no group entries. Entries consist of 1 photograph. Photograph must be an original taken by the student. A photo taken from Internet or any other source is not acceptable. Photo may be either black-and-white or color, or a combination of both. The minimum size is 5" X 7". Photo must be matted and/or framed. The photo must have a German theme, which may be candid or staged. The name of the contestant, the school, and the city must be on the back of the matte/frame. Additional documentation must include a 4" X 6" original, unaltered photo with time stamp printed on it.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. **Originality/Creativity:** Imagery is revealing of Germanic culture/flair in a creative way. Elements within the imagery have purpose. (0-20 points)
2. **Composition:** The photo exhibits elements of design and thought in how it is composed. (0-20 points)
3. **Detail and Clarity:** The subject of photo is in focus. Depth of field and background complements subject. No evidence of errors or distortion. (0-20 points)
4. **Presentation:** Photo may show unexpected or well-executed use of software or other photographic capabilities. The photo is mounted professionally and creatively. (0-20 points)
5. **Overall Appearance/Quality:** Looks professional, really catches your eye. The photo could be seen as part of an art exhibit or a print that someone might purchase. (0-20 pts)

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) _____**MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANT: (Write on the back if necessary.)**