

## TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTEST

# Poetry Memory Critique Sheet

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle level: **1 2 3 4 Advantaged**

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of selection: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

### Length and time requirements:

Level 1: 16-24 lines or 1-2 min.

Level 2: 20-32 lines or 1.5-2.5 min.

Levels 3 &amp; 4: 24-46 lines or 2-3 min.

Three entries per level per school (**except** for the Advantaged level, where the limit is two entries per school). The selection must be by a German-speaking author, i.e., originally published in German. It may not be a translation from a non-German speaking author, even if it has been published, but it may be by a non-German who writes in German, e.g., Kishon. The title of the selection and the author must be listed along with the name of the student performing it on the alphabetical student list at the time of registration. At least two copies of the selection must be presented to the judges at the contest. Poems may be edited to fit time or line limits. Poetry Memory is dramatic interpretation, but without costumes and props. The contestant may use one chair and may move during the presentation. Poetry Memory selections may not be used as Poetry Reading selections or vice versa by the same person.

## CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- Selection and preparation:** The selection has been sufficiently prepared and possesses interest. (0-20 points).
- Insight and understanding:** The contestant reflects the mood and the meaning of the selection (0-20 points).
- Voice and diction:** Enunciation is distinct without being pedantic; the voice is clear and the contestant avoids monotone (0-20 points).
- Pronunciation:** The contestant's pronunciation of the German language is correct and understandable; the intonation is characteristically German (0-20 points).
- Control of form:** The contestant maintains a balance between thought and rhythm; word groupings and pauses are handled meaningfully (0-10 points).
- Posture and movement:** The contestant is poised and avoids distracting and *unmotivated* movements while making eye contact with the audience and using movement to interpret (0-10 points).

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) \_\_\_\_\_

**MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANT (Write on the back if necessary.):**