

TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTEST

Poetry Reading Critique Sheet

Contestant: _____ Circle level: 1 2 3 4

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

Three entries per level 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 Reading is judged on the basis of reading and not on any interpretation by the contestant, other than the use of voice changes, eye contact, facial expressions, and some use of hands. No props or costumes may be used. The contestant may not walk around. 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).
- Control of form, voice, and diction:** Enunciation is distinct without being pedantic; the voice is clear and the contestant avoids monotone; the contestant maintains a balance between thought and rhythm, i.e., word groupings and pauses are handled meaningfully (0-20 points).
- Posture:** The contestant is poised and avoids distracting and *unmotivated* movements while making at least occasional eye contact with the audience and perhaps using appropriate facial expressions and hand movements (0-20 points).
- Pronunciation:** The contestant's pronunciation of the German language is correct and understandable; the intonation is characteristically German (0-20 points).

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) _____

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