

JUDGE'S FORM POETRY WRITING

Name _____ Date _____
 Church-School _____ Word Count _____
 Title of Entry _____
 Category: Junior Junior High Senior High

AREAS OF EVALUATION	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS AWARDED
1. Theme Biblical or historical A. Poem has one central idea; B. unity in viewpoint.	20	_____
2. Use of Poetic Material (60 points possible) A. Shows feeling, sincerity, conveys emotion.	10	_____
B. Original, fresh use of words; avoids triteness	10	_____
C. Meter is regular, without jolting variations. Rhythm is smooth. Rhyme, if used, is generally good.	15	_____
D. Uses poetic devices such as imagery, figures of speech, symbolism, parallelism.	15	_____
E. Creativity and individuality of expression.	10	_____
3. Mechanics (20 points possible) A. Neatness, general appearance	5	_____
B. Spelling, punctuation, and grammar. (subject-verb agreement, etc. Unusual grammar is acceptable if it is clearly used as a poetic device and is effective as such.)	15	_____
TOTAL POINTS	100	=====

Note: As many as 10 points may be subtracted if poem is not 8 to 30 lines in length and is not typed double spaced on plain white paper.

Comments: _____

 (Judge's Signature)