

Spoken Word Poetry Performance Rubric & Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Answer each question. Use complete sentences when an explanation is requested.

1. What is spoken word poetry?
2. Name two performance elements beyond the written words.
3. Why is pacing important?
4. Why is vocal emphasis important?
5. What is audience awareness?
6. Should performance support the poem's meaning?
7. What does purposeful gesture mean?
8. Why rehearse aloud?
9. Name one criterion for assessing the written poem.
10. Name one criterion for assessing performance.

Teacher Answer Key

1. Poetry written for oral performance, often emphasizing voice and audience
2. Examples: volume, pace, gesture, eye contact, tone
3. It controls clarity, tension, rhythm, and emphasis
4. It highlights key words and emotional shifts
5. Adapting delivery to listeners and context
6. Yes
7. Movement that reinforces rather than distracts from meaning
8. To refine timing, clarity, sound, and delivery
9. Theme, imagery, structure, language, originality, devices
10. Voice, pacing, expression, clarity, eye contact, presence

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