

Performance Presentation Rubric

Content (message): (80)

_____ **Tell a story:** Be specific. Take your belief out of the ether and ground it in the events of your life. Consider moments when belief was formed or tested or changed. Think of your own experience, work, and family, and tell of the things you know that no one else does. Your story need not be heart-warming or gut-wrenching—it can even be funny—but it should be *real*. Make sure your story ties to the essence of your daily life philosophy and the shaping of your beliefs.

_____ **Name your belief:** If you can't name it in a sentence or two, your poem might not be about belief. Also, rather than writing a list, consider focusing on one core belief, because three minutes is a very short time.

_____ **Be positive:** Please avoid preaching or editorializing. Tell us what you do believe, not what you don't believe. Avoid speaking in the editorial "we." Make your poem about you; speak in the first person.

_____ **Be personal:** Written in words and phrases that are comfortable for you to speak. We recommend you read your poem aloud to yourself several times, and each time edit it and simplify it until you find the words, tone, and story that truly echo your belief and the way you speak.

Presentation: (80)

_____ **Organization**--Use an organizational strategy to keep your presentation on track without reading from notes or the screen. Include an effective attention getter and conclusion

_____ **Poetic Devices**--Use repetition, rhyming, or other poetic devices to enhance your diction and performance.

_____ **Physical Presence**--Make **eye contact** with audience. Project and enunciate your words. Use facial expressions and hand gestures to emphasize key points.

_____ **Memorization**--In order to perform your poem, you have to memorize it. In order to show the richness of your poem you have to show passion and attitude. Care about what you are saying and show us why you care.

_____ You are not allowed to miss on your assigned presentation day!

Visual: (20)

_____ Background appropriate for content- enhances message

_____ Supports poem content and sentiment

_____ Clear and readable

Time: (20)

_____ Must be around 3:10 minutes in length. Your statement should be between 500-600 words. That's about three minutes when read aloud at your natural pace.

TOTAL: _____/200

