

Waterloo Public Library Poetry Contest Rubric

Name _____

Date _____

Category	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Comments
Cohesiveness /20	The poem goes perfectly together. There is unity between lines and stanzas, which connect with the topic	The poem somewhat goes together but needs more cohesiveness. The poem's lines and stanzas sometimes sway from the topic.	The poem does not go together. The poem lines and stanzas sway from the topic	
Use of Poetic Elements /20	The poem uses 3 or more poetic elements to enhance the poem and the readers emotions	The poem uses 1 or 2 poetic elements, but they sometimes distract the reader.	The poem uses no poetic elements	
Rhythm /20	The poem uses rhythm throughout, which benefits poetic tone.	The poem sometimes uses rhythm but may waver in a way that distracts the reading and negatively affects the tone	The poem does not have any noticeable rhythm	
Creativity /20	The poem uses 3 or more unique metaphors and similes to describe situations, objects and people	The poem uses 1-2 unique metaphors and similes to describe situations, objects and people	The poem does not use unique metaphors and similes	
Personality/ Voice /20	The author offers a unique and creative voice that represents the tone of the poem	The author offers a simple voice that lends to the tone of the poem	The author's voice does not match the tone of the poem	

Total out of 100 _____

Comments: