Original Spoken Word Poetry Rules- NSDA

1. Material: Students will write and perform original poetry. Original Spoken Word Poetry is poetry written for performance to express ideas, experience, or emotion through the creative arrangement of words according to their sound, their rhythm, their meaning.
2. Quotation: No more than 150 words of the original poetry may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing, and such quotations must be identified in a printed copy of the speech. An introduction is permitted, but not required.
3. Delivery: The delivery must be memorized, and no book or script may be used.
4. Time: The maximum time limit is 5 minutes with a 30-second grace period.