

Poetry & Prose (Formerly Oral Interpretation)

Poetry & Prose is:

- ✓ Reading an excerpt from a book or written work using voices, gestures, facial expressions, narrations, and other means of creating a dramatic storytelling.

Presentation Type	Number of Presenters	Visual Aids	Time	Questions	Note Cards	Regional Selection
Poetry & Prose Ages 7-9	1-2	No props – only the book or script	2-5 minutes	No	Book or script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Poetry & Prose Ages 10-13	1-2	No props – only the book or script	2-5 minutes	No	Book or script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue
Poetry & Prose Ages 14-18	1-2	No props – only the book or script	5-10 minutes	No	Book or Script	Up to 2, must receive Top Purple/Top Blue

Equipment Provided:

- No equipment is needed for this category.

Rules:

1. The age of the oldest member determines the competition age group. Example: A 9 & 11-year-old presenting together would be in the 10-13 age group.
2. Participants select all or a portion of a piece of literature (books, poetry, etc.). The selection can be published material or the participant's own work.
3. The title and author of the selection should be introduced during the presentation.
4. A short section may be added to the presentation to explain the context of the selection, particularly if it is taken from a longer work.
5. No props, audiovisuals, or costumes allowed.
6. Hands must not touch the floor, and one foot must remain on the floor at all times.
7. The entire presentation must abide by all copyright laws. All images and music must be cited correctly.
8. You must present your presentation in person. **Presentation does not have to be memorized.**
9. The judge will serve as timekeeper.
10. Topics, visuals, props, language, and attire should be family-friendly and not violate the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
11. Judge will deduct one ribbon placing if time is exceeded by more than 30 seconds.