

Poetry Rubric

	Below Basic (1)	Basic (2)	Proficient (3)	Advanced (4)	Score
Ideas	Unfocused; Author seems unsure of direction.	Some focus, but lacks continuity.	Well focused and interests reader throughout	Captivates and involves reader deeply	
Organization	Sequencing is illogical, or not evident	Some sequencing is followed, but is not evident throughout the poem	Sequencing is logical. The poetry form has been followed with few errors.	Uses a logical, effective organizational strategy. Poem uses form to interpret idea creatively and effectively	
Sensory Images	Difficult to visualize image Or emotion	Some use of image, idea, or emotion	Clear use of Sensory images to portray ideas or emotions	Vivid, detailed images and intensely felt emotion	
Use of Language	Imprecise or inappropriate Choice of words	Expresses thoughts marginally	Appropriate choice of language	Uses rich and imaginative language	
Presentation	No quality of appearance. Format is not followed.	Limited quality of appearance. Assigned format is not followed throughout.	Assigned format is followed. Presentation is neat and legible.	Presentation includes features beyond the assigned requirements which enhance meaning. Presentation is neat and legible.	

18 – 20 Advanced

15 – 17 Proficient

12 – 14 Basic

11 and below – Below Basic