

COLORADO STATE GERMAN CONTEST
Extemporaneous Reading
Critique Sheet

Contestant: _____

School: _____

Judges' Names: _____

Circle one: Level 1 Level 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES: Please make sure you have read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet.

RULES

Entry Limit: Three contestants per level per school.

Students will be given a copy of a prose piece that they have not seen before. Students may have up to one minute to preview the reading selection (make sure it is for the correct level - there are different readings for each level). Contestants then have up to 2 minutes to read aloud the selection. The judges will stop the contestant after 2 minutes, regardless of how far they have read into the selection. Students are not judged on their ability to finish the entire text.

A timer will be provided. Set it for 3 minutes. Hand the contestant the reading appropriate for his/her level and start the timer counting down. Remind the contestant to read the title and author to start. After one minute, say "**Begin reading.**" The contestant will then read aloud for 2 minutes or until reaching the end of the selection, whichever comes first. You may mark on a copy of the selection as the contestant reads, if you wish.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING (Not all criteria have the same point values.)

1. _____ Pronunciation: The contestant reads with correct German pronunciation, intonation, and stress.
0-30 pts.
2. _____ Insight and understanding: The contestant reflects the mood and the meaning of the selection.
0-30 pts.
3. _____ Control of form, voice, and diction: Enunciation is distinct without being pedantic; the voice is clear and the contestant avoids monotone; the contestant maintains a balance between thought and rhythm, i.e., word groupings and pauses are handled meaningfully.
0-20 pts.
4. _____ General impression: The contestant is poised and avoids distracting and unmotivated movements while making at least occasional eye contact with the audience and perhaps using appropriate facial expressions and hand movements. Contestant reads title and author as part of presentation.
0-20 pts.

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) _____

MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANT (WRITE ON THE BACK IF NECESSARY.)