

# COLORADO STATE GERMAN CONTEST

## Poetry/Prose Reading Critique Sheet

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:      Level 1                      Level 2                      Level 3/4

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

### RULES

**Entry Limit:**

Level 1: 16-24 lines OR 1-2 minutes

Level 2: 20-32 lines OR 1.5 - 2.5 minutes

Levels 3 & 4: 24-46 lines OR 2-3 minutes

The selection must be by a German-speaking author, i.e., originally published in German. It may not be a translation from a non-German speaking author, even if it has been published, but it may be by a non-German who writes in German, e.g., Kishon. Piece may be edited to fit time or line limits (see above). Prose Reading is judged on the basis of reading and not on any interpretation by the contestant, other than the use of voice changes, eye contact, facial expressions, and some use of hands. No props or costumes may be used. The contestant may not walk around. The title of the selection and the author must be listed along with the name of the student performing it on the alphabetical student list at the time of registration. At least two copies of the selection must be presented to the judges at the contest. Prose Reading selections may not be used as Prose Memory selections or vice versa by the same person.

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Memorization:** The selection is interesting and at the appropriate difficulty level. The contestant has memorized (0-20 pts.) his/her lines sufficiently.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Pronunciation:** The contestant's pronunciation of the German language is correct and understandable; the intonation is characteristically German. (0-20 pts.)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Voice and diction:** Enunciation is distinct without being pedantic; the voice is clear and the contestant avoids monotone. (0-20 pts.)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Insight and understanding:** The contestant reflects the mood and the meaning of the selection. (0-20 pts.)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Control of form:** The contestant maintains a balance between thought and rhythm; word groupings and pauses are handled meaningfully. (0-10 pts.)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ **Posture and movement:** The contestant is poised and avoids distracting and unmotivated movements while making eye contact with the audience and using movement to interpret. (0-10 pts.)

**TOTAL POINTS:** (100 possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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