

Recitations

Like students giving oral presentations, students reciting poetry or other creative writing should be certain to have enough material to cover 15 minutes of allotted time without going over. You should also prepare to receive questions from the moderator and audience. Make sure to take time to practice reciting the material aloud. This will help you become accustomed to the sound of your voice and help you determine how to use inflection in order to enhance your recitation. During your recitation, you should take special care to maintain a 'natural' rate of speech and clearly articulate each word and phrase.

You need not memorize the material, but if you read the material, please be certain to connect with the audience from time to time through eye contact. Any notes should be type-written with large font in order to make them easy to read and help keep you from losing your place on the page. Handwriting (even your own) may be difficult to decipher during the presentation. You may also consider providing copies of the material you are reciting as either hand-outs or PowerPoint slides (please refer to the PowerPoint tips provided above). If you use multi-media material to accompany your recitation, be sure to adjust the volume so that your voice can be heard clearly over the audio.