Poetry Contest

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Use *Source*'s Mind Map to host an online (or in-person) poetry slam or contest for your students.
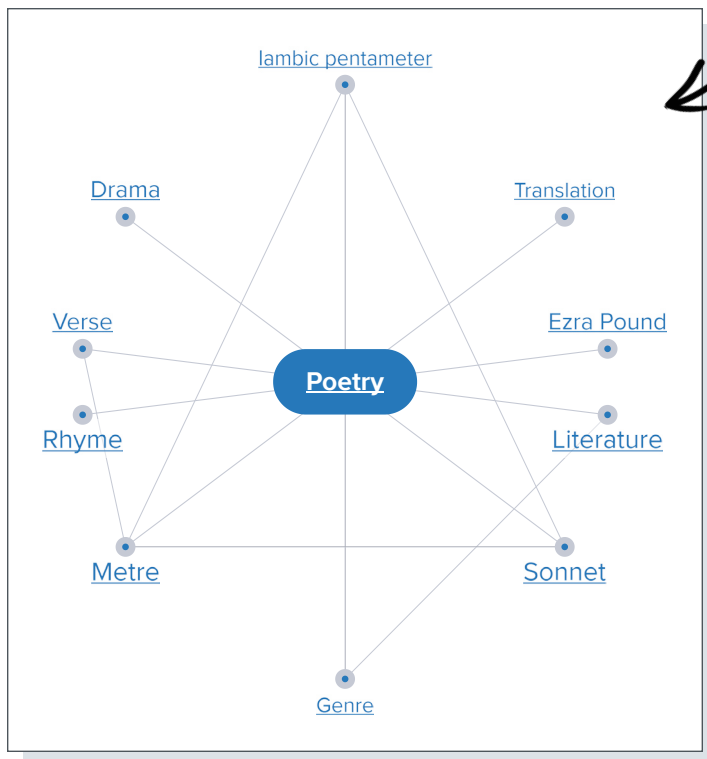
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Rhyme

Literature

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Genre

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Basic rules:

- Log in to *Source Reference.*
- Use Source's Mind Map to search for a word, phrase, person, etc.
- Compose a poem using at least 5 of the words that make up the resulting map.
- Submit, by email, the poem as well as the search term or phrase that was used.
- Poems can include words not found in the Mind Map.
- One submission per student.

Key dates:

To be entered by planner.

- Submission date
- Winners notified
- Poems posted

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Calling All Poets

Submissions:

- Have poets submit poems directly to the library via email (or in person).
- Each poet must give his/her name and grade.

Judging:

Determine who will do the initial judging of all submissions. Examples include:

- Librarians?
- High school/middle school poetry teachers?
- The student body?

Finalists:

Top three poems are recognized.

Options for sharing finalists:

- Poems posted on Facebook (with comments off, to avoid the wiseguys).
- Poets record videos of themselves reading poem—post to YouTube or *Learn360.*

Prize Ideas:

Some ideas might include a school t-shirt or sweatshirt. Fun bonuses might be student privileges. Let the winner do the school announcements? Post the winner's photo prominently? Name the winner king/queen for a day? Be creative and promote school spirit!

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