



INTRODUCTION TO POETRY/ TIPS FOR POETRY BLAST COMPETITION, 2018

NOTE: This document is to aid teachers/instructors in various schools prepare their kids for the competition

Definition of Poetry

Poetry is one of the genres of literature and literature is a creative imaginative writing that reflects life and all that concerns life. There are three genres of literature:

1. Prose
2. Drama
3. poetry

Poetry is therefore that genre of poetry that deals with the creative expression of deep feelings and imaginations in lines for rhythmic and exciting pleasure

Features of Poetry.

1. They are written in lines and stanzas
2. They express the deepest feelings of humans
3. They have rhythm which makes it musical
4. They have rhymes
5. They are written in figurative language such as metaphor, simile etc.

Roles of Poetry

1. Poetry is a means of communication
2. Poetry is a means of expression
3. Poetry could act as entertainment
4. Poetry is a means of appreciating things around us. E.g nature
5. Poetry is a means of correcting the ills of the society
6. Poetry is a means of educating our selves

7. Poetry is a way of exploring language
8. Poetry craves our creativity and imaginations.

Elements of Poetry

These are the features or properties that makes up a poetic work. They are basically divided into three parts.

1. Figurative language
2. Sound properties
3. Thought