WORDS ACROSS KOREA

RULES AND JUDGING RUBRIC

POETRY COLLECTION

Criteria	Questions to Consider	Score
Originality & Voice	• Does the poem showcase unique ideas and strong imagination? • Does the writer use creative approaches to poetic storytelling? • Does the poem stand out from others? • Does the author's voice come through clearly in the poem?	/8
Structure & Flow	• Does the poem have an opening that draws the reader in? • Do the lines and stanzas flow smoothly, guiding the reader naturally through the piece? • Does the structure (line breaks, stanzas, rhythm) enhance the meaning and emotional impact? • Does the poem have a strong conclusion or resolution that leaves a lasting impression?	/8
Theme and Depth	• Does the poem explore a meaningful theme or message? • Is the theme developed throughout the piece in a way that encourages reflection or emotional connection? • Does the poem's structure and language enhance the theme's impact? • Is the theme explored in a creative, original, or thought-provoking way?	/8
Language	• Does the writing use sensory details that help the reader see, hear, feel, or imagine the scene? • Are precise words, descriptive adjectives, and strong verbs used to create vivid images? • Are literary devices such as metaphors, similes, alliteration, or personification used thoughtfully? • Does the poem evoke emotion and engage the reader through its language?	/8
Grammar & Mechanics	• Are grammar, spelling, and punctuation generally correct? • Do any errors detract from the story's clarity or readability? • Does the writer show an understanding of poetic structure and conventions?	/3
Total:		/35