

# National Poetry Recitation Contest: An Annotated Program Guide

The National Poetry Recitation Contest (NPRC) is a prestigious competition for high school students in the United States. The contest is open to students of all grade levels, and students may compete in one of three categories: recitation, interpretation, or original poetry.



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## Rules and Regulations

The following are the rules and regulations for the NPRC:

- Students may compete in one of three categories: recitation, interpretation, or original poetry.
- Recitation: Students recite a published poem from memory.
- Interpretation: Students perform a published poem, using their own interpretation of the text.
- Original poetry: Students perform an original poem that they have written themselves.
- Students must select a poem that is appropriate for their age and grade level.
- Students must prepare a brief to their poem, which should include the title of the poem, the author of the poem, and a brief explanation of the poem's theme or message.
- Students must perform their poem in front of a panel of judges.
- The judges will evaluate students on their performance, their understanding of the poem, and their overall stage presence.
- The top three students in each category will receive awards.

### **Tips for Success**

The following are some tips for success in the NPRC:

- Choose a poem that you are passionate about and that you can connect with on a personal level.
- Practice your performance until you are confident and comfortable.

- Use your body language and voice to convey the meaning of the poem.
- Make eye contact with the audience and engage them with your performance.
- Don't be afraid to take risks and to interpret the poem in your own unique way.
- Have fun and enjoy the experience!

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If you are a high school student, I encourage you to consider competing in the NPRC. It is a challenging and rewarding experience that can help you to grow as a poet and as a person.

## Resources

- Poetry Foundation
- Academy of American Poets
- National Poetry Association



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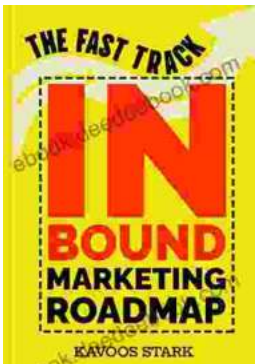
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