

JUST SAY IT

LOUD FESTIVAL

Coaches' Packet

**Poetry is a political act
because it involves
telling the truth.**

JUNE JORDAN



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Mission

Our goal is to help students develop their writing and literacy and build slam teams that represent a number of high schools for a state-wide slam. It is also our hope to cultivate a safe environment centered around the poet's needs.



Recap from 2018

Hosted at Rutgers University- Newark



BOU INFORMATION

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What is a

BOUT?

A bout is a collection of rounds

BOUT MANAGER?

The contact person for the judges, timekeeper and score keeper throughout the slam

BOUT DRAW?

At the beginning of a slam, teams are randomly picked to determine which slot each team will have throughout the slam

Bout Order

BOUT ORDER (BY TEAM):

ROUND 1 A, B, C, D

ROUND 2 B, C, D, A

ROUND 3 C, D, A, B

ROUND 4 D, A, B, C

Time Penalty

0:00 - 3:39 – no penalty
3:40 to 3:49 – .5 point deduction
3:50 – 3:59 – 1 point deduction
4:00 - 4:09 - 1.5 point deduction
4:10 - 4:19 - 2 point deduction

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SCORE

Each poem will be scored from 0-10 (including decimals).

There are five judges.

The highest and lowest scores are dropped and the three scores in the middle are added together.

This sum is your score for the round.



PERFORMANCE

PROPS:

No poet can use props, costumes or musical accompaniment. A prop is anything that isn't the mic and/or mic stand. If a prop or work that isn't original is used, the poet will be disqualified.

ORIGINAL WORK:

Poets must perform original work.





Monthly Breakdown

DECEMBER - APRIL



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Goals

Send out email to gauge
interested students

Create a sign up system
(i.e. google forms)

Let them know practices
and such will begin in
January

December

Goals

Have 4-6 interested students begin writing and getting to know each other

Plan something fun for them to do together as a team builder (i.e. virtual movie night, karaoke, etc.)

Get them to think of themes/topics for writing

January

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Goals

Have at least 3 finalized poems

Have them to begin
memorizing finalized poems

Deadline for team registration

February



Goals

Check in call with festival coordinator
& coaches

Have at least 8 poems finalized

Have the team work on memorizing
them or creating a strong read

Begin to think of how the piece can
be performed

Performers register for festival
workshops

March



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Goals

Rehearse. Rehearse. Rehearse!

Final check in call with festival coordinator and coaches

Festival at the end of the month

April



- Set a writing deadline that is different from your performance deadline
- Create a google folder where all students can add their poems
- Send videos to your students with tips and skills (i.e. show them a breath technique or how tone/inflection impact a poem)



FAQ

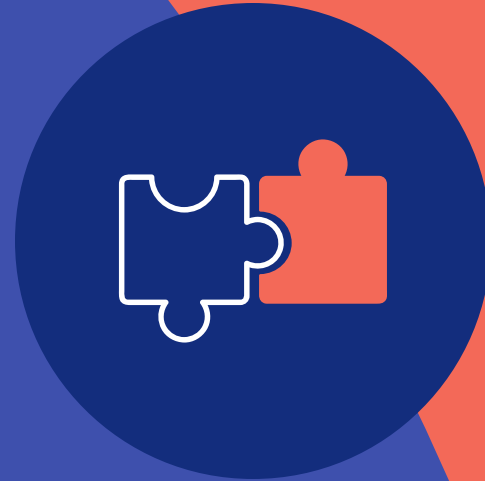
DO WE HAVE TO PERFORM A GROUP PIECE?

No, you do not. We are mindful of the digital limitations of performing a group piece and do not require them

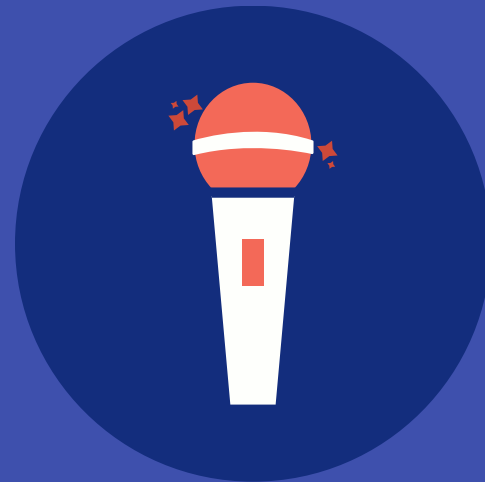
Key steps



WRITING



EDITING



PERFORMANCE



**REGISTER
YOUR TEAM**



DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Feel free to reach out to Shelly if you have any questions or concerns

Contact

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