Secondary Poetry Slam Instructions

The Digital Learning Department will handle judging which will take place at:

FBISD Administration Annex
3119 Sweetwater
Sugar Land, Texas

Materials:
- Rubric (see weebly)
- Clock or stopwatch
- Internet
- Distance Learning equipment (Digital Learning Dept./Librarian)

Preparation (prior):
1. Register your school and participants at
   http://edtechdl.weebly.com/2013-2014-poetry-slam-registration.html
2. No more than 10 students per team. If your team count falls below the minimum or students add on, please let us know. But know that it's not a biggie! Count does not affect the scoring. Each student is judged individually.
3. Prepare your students. (See Weebly for Poetry Slam rubric, resources and videos).
4. Be sure to edit and filter through all submitted poetry! Please stress that they write & present original poetry. You may want to have a practice run through with the kids prior to the competition. PLEASE PROOFREAD THE POEMS!! NO PROFANITY!!!
5. You will need to reserve a location (usually the library)
6. Feel free to invite your audience such as your 6th/7th period class, other staff, parents, etc.
7. A Digital Learning Specialist will be assigned to your campus to assist with the Poetry Slam

Preparation (the day of):
- ✓ One teacher will establish house rules with the audience and poets. However, please know that your rules need to be established with your audience prior to the competition (clapping and snapping is allowed, quiet room while performing, no funny faces, etc.). See wiki for *Video Conferencing Etiquette*
- ✓ Upon the judge's cue, the first poet will be introduced

- ✓ Each student will deliver an original poem in the time allotted. Poems should be presented in no less than 30 seconds and no more than 2 minutes
- ✓ Each Slam will alternate participants (i.e. if GMS goes first, then DCMS will go next, etc… until all participants have had a turn). Order of participants per school may vary due to amount of participants.
- ✓ The designated time-keeper will record the time for each poet
- ✓ Spectators may acknowledge each poet with finger snaps/claps
- ✓ Judges will tally score cards
- ✓ Score-keepers will record the total on the website (real-time)
- ✓ Repeat steps for each poet
- ✓ At the end of the round, one teacher will announce the winner

Scoring: Judges will base scores on the rubric attached (see wiki)

Prize:
- ✓ Each participant will receive a certificate
- ✓ 1st-3rd place winners will receive a plaque

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