Criteria	Insufficient	Sufficient	Good	Excellent
Content	Stand taken about 'speaking up' is unclear Supportive ideas are missing or unclear. The poet's feelings are not revealed.	Poem is basic and shows very little reflection 'speaking up'. Supportive ideas are mostly irrelevant and unoriginal. The poet's feelings are not revealed.	Poem shows some evidence of the author's reflections on 'speaking up'. Supportive ideas are mostly relevant and original. Parts of the poem might	Entire poem shows reflection and expression of the theme 'speaking up'. Supportive ideas are relevant and original throughout. Poem gives real insight
			be off topic but moest of the poem expresses some depth and insight.	into the writer's character and point of view.
Structure	The organization of the lines or stanzas is not apparent.	Lines and stanzas do not effectively reinforce rhythm.	Most lines and stanzas are carefully chosen to reinforce rhythm.	All lines and stanzas are carefully chosen to reinforce rhythm.
		Most of the poem is ineffectively organized.	The poem is organized in a way that lends itself to spoken word.	The poem is organized in a way that naturally lends itself to spoken word.
Language	Uses everyday language with no images.	Utilizes a poetic device and figurative language.	Utilizes more than one poetic device effectively.	Utilizes numerous effective poetic devices.
		Uses mundane language with some images.	Uses images and imaginative language.	Uses vivid, detailed images and rich language.
Voice	Little use of voice qualities to enhance performance.	Some use of pitch, pacing and intonation.	Good use of pitch, pacing and intonation.	Excellent use of pitch, pacing and intonation.
	Voice is too quiet or loud to be heard.	Voice is sometimes clear and audible.	Voice is mostly clear and audible	Voice is clear. Fluent and coherent delivery.
Body Language	Minimal use of body language to enhance poem	Some use of facial expression, gestures and body language to enhance poem.	Good use of facial expression, gestures and body language to enhance poem.	Excellent use of facial expression, gestures and body language to enhance poem.

