



POETRY OUT LOUD



What is Poetry Out loud?

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a statewide poet project that culminates in a national recitation contest for high school (grades 9-12) students and is administered by YoloArts in our county. Students interpret, memorize and recite three poems within a competition framework that starts in the classroom. Participation is free and all activities can be integrated into the Common Core standards for English Language Arts.

Who is YoloArts?

YoloArts partners with the California Arts Council to deliver Poetry Out Loud in Yolo County. As the administrator of Poetry Out Loud, the YoloArts Education Manager, Jenna Hans, will be available to provide support and assistance throughout the program. YoloArts will also coordinate the county competition. Jenna Hans can be contacted by email at jhans@yoloarts.org or by phone at 530.309.6464.

How do I get involved in Poetry Out Loud?

The program is designed to fit into a busy school schedule. The individual teacher determines the specifics of how the program is delivered and the amount of time spent within their classroom. Next steps *might* include:

- ◆ **Sign-Up** with YoloArts to run Poetry Out Loud in your classroom.
- ◆ **Visit the Poetry Out Loud website** for teaching resources, lesson plans, and more. <http://www.poetryoutloud.org/>
- ◆ Have students explore the online anthologies to choose a poem. <http://www.poetryoutloud.org/poems-and-performance/find-poems>
- ◆ Contact YoloArts to ask about **visiting Poet Opportunities** to bring poetry alive for your students.
- ◆ Explore creative writing opportunities – have your students write their own poems, songs, stories, plays etc.
- ◆ Have students memorize selected poems and model recitation skills in class and have students practice with partners in the classroom. View the Learning Recitation video series. <http://www.poetryoutloud.org/poems-and-performance/video-recitation-series>
- ◆ Hold a classroom competition. Evaluation criteria are outlined in the packet and the teacher can act as the single judge at the classroom level.
- ◆ The winner at the classroom level will proceed through to the school competition. The school competition will select a champion and runner up to participate in the county competition. All competition can be scheduled during the school day. The county winner will then represent Yolo County at the California competition in Sacramento. As a student progresses through the competition structure they will need to memorize additional poems. The county winner will recite three poems total at the California competition. All travel and hotel expenses for the county winner and a parent/guardian will be covered by a grant from the California Arts Council.

Important Dates

Register with YoloArts by **December 2, 2018** to participate.

Submit School Champion information to YoloArts by **January 31, 2019**.

Yolo County competition will be held **February 13, 2019**.

California State competition in Sacramento will be held on **March 3 & 4, 2019**.