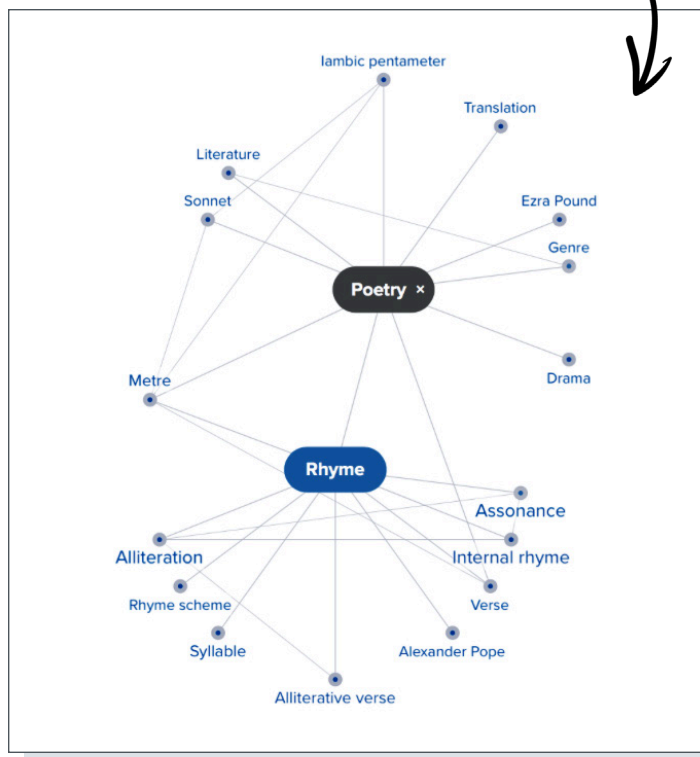# Poetry Contest

Full instructions on how to run this contest in your own community.*

CREDO Reference

Use Credo's Mind Map to host an online (or in-person) poetry slam or contest for local teens.

Basic rules:

- Login to *Credo Reference*
- Use Credo's Mind Map to search for a word, phrase, person, etc.
- Compose a poem using at least 5 of the words that make up the resulting map.
- Submit, by email, the poem as well as the search term or phrase that was used.
- Poems can include words not found in the Mind Map.
- One submission per teen.

Key dates:

To be entered by planner.

- Submission date
- Winners notified
- Poems posted

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Calling All Poets

Submissions:

- Have poets submit poems directly to the library via email (or in person).
- Each poet must give his/her name, age, and library card number to prove residency.

Judging:

Determine who will do the initial judging of all submissions. Examples include:

- Librarians?
- Local high school/middle school poetry teachers?
- The public?

Finalists:

Top three poems are recognized.

Options for sharing finalists:

- Poems posted on Facebook (with comments off, to avoid the wiseguys).
- Poets record videos of themselves reading poem—post to YouTube or *Access Video On Demand*.

Prize Ideas:

Bragging rights or a winning photo posted in a place of honor is fun. Or ask local community businesses to sponsor the event. Prizes like T-shirts, kindles, free food coupons or even new laptops might be donated for the cause!

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