

POETRY SLAM 2009

Instructions



1. Choose a topic or topics. Circle your topic/s.
2. You do not have to be present to participate. You can email entries to alfiawallace@yahoo.com. Those who want to present or perform the poems need not have written a poem.
3. Use at least 5 of the words provided to construct a poem of any length on a blank sheet of paper or the back of this page. Ideas for form below.
4. Completed forms will be placed in the poetry slam box at the party. You may complete more than one if it strikes your fancy. You may collaborate or work alone.
5. At the appointed time those interested will congregate in the front room and those who choose to read/perform the

poems will randomly choose them from the box and recite them to the amusement or mortification of others. Fun!

Topics (choose one per poem or mix-n-match!)

1. **Notoriously Psycho:** There are many characters that come to mind. Choose your favorite and let loose in verse.
2. **Genie in a Bottle:** You're the master or you have three wishes. What do you do with a mischievous genie?
3. **Local Cheese, Please:** We can't get enough cheese, clearly. Feed our compulsion! Just keep it local.
4. **Mardi Gras Mayhem on Bourbon Street** or elsewhere in New Orleans. Or even non-Mardi Gras mayhem. Cajun crayfish. Yum.
5. **Whatever your little heart desires**

Word List (Please use at least 5 of the following random words)

Jambalaya, bourbon, notorious, flood, spellbound, crayfish, genie, bottle, cowgirl, Mardi Gras, vertigo, astronaut, cheesiness, local, Marin, bayou, Mount Rushmore, psycho, smoked, psychiatrist, Monterey jack, beads, stranger, Cajun, master, train, tunnel, motel, birds, creole, Bodega Bay, blink, frenzy, cropduster, dream, shadow, sabotage, northwest, topaz, levee, New Orleans, parish

Form: Your poem may take any form and be of any length. You may choose that it be a **song**, in which case you may want to provide notes on the melody or rhythm to which it should be sung. It can **rhyme**, be as formal as a sonnet or sestina. It could be a **rap** song, blank verse or a **haiku** (5, 7, 5 syllables.) It could be a **limerick**. It could be some rhyming ad shtick. Just make something up and stick it in the box. Thanks.

