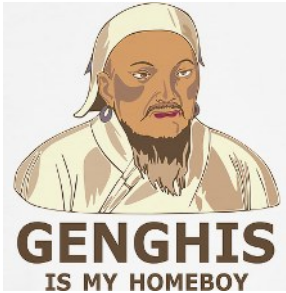


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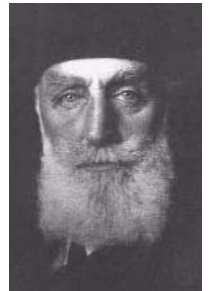
Instructions



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. **Crusaders:** Crusaders for truth, crusaders for tripe, caped or carping, willful and righteous. Tell the epic tale of a worthy or worthless crusade.
2. **The Caliphate:** Theocracy with the prettiest writing system or something more sinister? Ummayad, Abbasid, Fatamid, Ottoman! Check out the baby blues on the last Ottoman caliph. Hubba hubba! →
3. **The Wrath of Khans:** Whether you like your khans Mongol, Klingon or Bollywood, sometimes they do get angry and out of hand. What happens then?
4. **Zombies:** Anti-zombie crusade? The Zombie Caliphate? Zombie-Khan or Zombiemon? What does the zombie apocalypse mean to you, personally?
5. **Gotta Catch 'em All!** You wanna be the very best, that no one ever was. To catch them is your real test. To tame them is your cause..
6. **Whatever your little heart desires**



Word List

(Please use at least 5 of the following random words, capitalization is optional)



lionhearted, prophet, mongol, yurt, steppes, empire, poke, pope, kufic, baklavah, balaklava, fez, bearded, ottoman, minaret, martinet, sufi, cross, levant, arabian, andalus, submission, janissary, delight, harem, haram, halal, holy, dynasty, scimitar, veiled, gobi, golden, horde, xanadu, pleasure, dome, devastation, tree, sword, lord, oak, ash, blood, brains, consume, apocalypse, catch, peek, choose, misty, ketchup, ruby, pearl, resident, evil, klingon, shah, paradise

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.

