

POETRY SLAM 2012

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 sheet of paper or the back of this page.
4. Completed forms will be placed in the poetry slam box at the party. You may complete more than one. 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. **The Long March of History:** Where have we been? Where we have been. Where are we going? Where we are going.
2. **Mother Maya?:** The Mayan calendar, Quetzalcoatl, hot tamales, what they can in the Yucatan
3. **Keepin' it Caveman:** Who were those daring old cave painters? Were they Neanderthals? Did they drag women by the hair or worship them?
4. **Time, Time, Time..** if I could put time in a bottle.. or tease out a few more dimensions.. or just manage to get that pesky alarm clock to shut up
5. **Art Class** Fingerpaint to trompe l'œil - get it in perspective

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



Quetzalcoatl, monolith, 2012, cartoon, sundial, Renaissance, Dada, watercolor, chronic, pastel, calendar, revolution, suffrage, tectonic, cataclysm, cave, pendulum, pyramid, Stonehenge, Rolex, bison, impression, second, eon, fingerpaint, charcoal, tick, tock, last, Maya, surreal, classical, frame, canvas, timeline, tamale, endgame, opposite

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.