



POETRY SLAM 2019

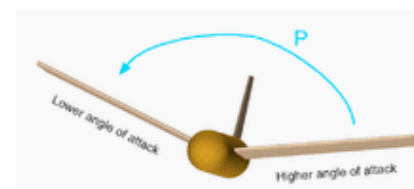
Instructions



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. **Poems may be anonymous.** Those who want to present or perform the poems need not have written a poem. **NEW! You can bring a poem written by someone else on one of the topics, either to recite yourself, or have someone else read.**
3. For those composing original poems: 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. Poems 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. **Dinosaurs:** They once walked the Earth. Some flew, others swam. Do they haunt your dreams?
2. **Soaring to the Heights, Sinking to the Depths:** You know who you are
3. **Scotland:** Did you know that Scots get annoyed when Americans claim to be Scottish? Lol. But seriously, flow gently sweet afton, yo.
4. **All Things Baskets** – Weave a tale of basketry, metaphoric or otherwise
5. **LEGO!** Everything is awesome! Or is it? Build your case.
6. **Mix-n-match! Or, whatever your little heart desires.**



Word List

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

sauropod, ferny, loch, squid, spin, currents, turquoise, turbulence, build, thrust, coniferous, yaw, bairn, crag, moor, Cretaceous, nimbo-cumulous, whisky, meteor, haggis, Wallace, freedom, brave, whisky, crap, peat, basket, benthic, seaweed, LEGO, bricks, snap, bonnie, lad, lass, auld lang syne, octopus, helicopter, glider, pteranodon, Concord, 747, Scotland, castle, Mesozoic, weave, tisket, Pomo, soar, current, flight, wing, empennage, "angle of attack", dihedral, failte, aquamarine, awesome, canard, undercarriage, "ground effect", snap, stakes, spokes, reed, Arturo, afton, twining, dour, fog, zenith, everything



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.

