



# POETRY OUT LOUD



## **WHO:** Your high school students.

U.S. citizens currently enrolled in grades 9-12 are eligible, with an exception made for 8th-grade students participating in a 9th- through 12th-grade class.

## **WHAT:** Reciting poems at school, state and national levels.

Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest gives students an opportunity to select, memorize, and perform poems in front of peers and audiences, ultimately gaining a better understanding of poetry and themselves.

## **WHY:** Poetry Out Loud helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary heritage.

By encouraging your students to study, memorize, and perform some of the most influential and timeless poems of the English language, you immerse them in powerful expression and provocative ideas.

## **WHEN:** NOW! Your class has the option to participate in this program.

The curriculum for Poetry Out Loud has been designed to fit into a teacher's busy schedule. The program takes place over the span of 2 to 3 weeks, according to each teacher's interest and agenda, and it does not require full class periods. Poetry Out Loud satisfies some of the Language and Reading Common Core requirements and most of the NCTE English Language Arts Standards as detailed on page 35 of the [Teacher's Guide](#).

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