Accuracy Score Sheet

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

TITLE OF POEM: _____

Maximum Score	**8**	points
Inaccuracy Deduction (subtract)	– _____	points
Prompt Deduction (subtract)	– _____	points
FINAL ACCURACY SCORE	_____	**points***

* Lowest possible score is 1 point

Minor inaccuracies, resulting in a 1 point deduction per occurrence, include:

- Confusing a pronoun ("he" instead of "she")
- Confusing an article ("a" instead of "the")
- Pluralizing a word or vice versa ("horses" instead of "horse")
- Replacing a word with a similar word ("jump" instead of "leap")
- Omitting the poem title
- Omitting the author
- Omitting the translator
- Confusing the order of words ("hops and skips" instead of "skips and hops")
- Skipping a word
- Repeating a word
- Adding a word

Major inaccuracies, resulting in larger deductions per occurrence, include:

- One line out of order: -2 points
- Repeating a line: -2 points
- Omitting an epigraph: -2 points
- Including a footnote: -2 points
- Skipping 1 line/skipping 3 or more words in the same line: -3 points
- Reversing 2 stanzas: -5 points
- Skipping 1 stanza : -6 points

Use of prompter: Each time a student uses the prompter, 3 points will be deducted from the final accuracy score.

The inclusion or omission of stanza numbers or dedications should not affect scoring. Likewise, the addition of a student introducing themselves by stating their name, state, and/ or school at the beginning of a recitation, or the inclusion of a "thank you" at the end of the recitation, while discouraged, should not affect the accuracy score.

Accuracy judge: Follow along with the text of the poem as the competitor recites. Mark the text each time there is an error in accuracy (mispronunciations are *not* accuracy errors). You should mark all minor inaccuracies the same (since each is worth a 1 point deduction), and flag the bigger mistakes differently. Be consistent. After the recitation, use the guidance below to assign a point deduction to each mistake. To get the final accuracy score, count up the point deductions, and subtract them from the maximum score of 8 points. Remember that the accuracy score is added to the evaluation sheet of each judge.

Example: If the competitor repeated a word (-1 point), confused an article (-1 point), and skipped one line (-3 points), that would be 5 points subtracted from the maximum score of 8. The final accuracy score would be 3 points.