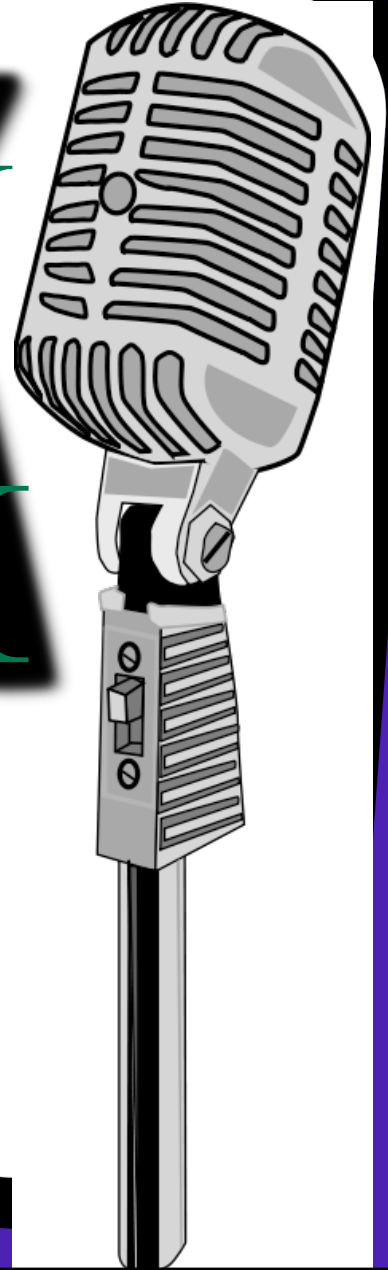


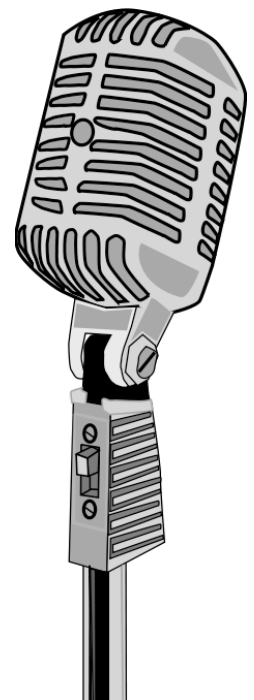
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Poetry SLAM! Tips For Writing

- Choose a topic or a cause you are passionate about! How do you feel? What makes you angry/excited/sad? What do you want to change?
- Slam poetry is written in free verse... no rules, but they mostly have a driving rhythm. The rhythm keeps the poem moving from one line to the next.
- Slam poetry is usually strong, honest, and blunt.
- Slam poems are usually written in an informal and conversational style.
- Relevant modern slang and lingo are acceptable to use.
- Slam poetry uses repetition frequently. The poet often returns to the same word or phrase multiple times to keep the reader focussed on the central idea.
- For this assignment, you must use at least two of the figurative language devices we've been studying.
- Practice, practice, practice.



Poetry SLAM! Organizer

Write down what you are passionate about, circle one as your poem's topic.

What is going to be the tone of your poem? How do you want the listeners to feel when they are done?

Brainstorm a list of at least 10 strong words that relate to your topic. For example, instead of writing a word like 'laugh', you might write 'snicker' or 'cackle'.

Write two sentences/phrases that you want to include in your poem that use figurative language (metaphor, simile, imagery, hyperbole, etc).

