



Poetry Out Loud 2022

“No matter who you are, where you come from, or what your story is, there is some poem out there you can connect with.”

Poetry Out Loud (POL) inspires in high school students the confidence to make themselves heard, using one of the most powerful tools at their disposal—poetry. It encourages teens to learn about poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. Participants master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

And the best part about POL, it’s easy to participate.

1. Go to the **POL website** to download the teacher’s guide and see lesson plans <https://www.poetryoutloud.org/teachers-organizers/>
2. Check out video of past participants and poem selections www.poetryoutloud.org
3. Have **students choose 2-3 poems**, start memorizing, and have fun!
4. Notify Mara Grimes mgrimes@smcgov.org that your class or organization would like to participate by **12/3/21**. You will then receive information on how to proceed. Coaching sessions will be available to a limited number of students from each school or organization to be held in January 2022 via Zoom.
5. The county competition will take place virtually on **February 8, 2022**.
6. More information to come soon.

“Before I began this process, poetry seemed foreign and inaccessible, but now it is an art with which I can connect and appreciate more fully.”

