



DISTRICT 'A' POLICE STATION
SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROSE/POETRY/POSTER COMPETITION 2024
RULES & GUIDELINES

The District 'A' Police Station is inviting all public and private, secondary school students in the **Bridgetown Division** to participate in its **PROSE/POETRY/POSTER COMPETITION 2024** on the topic '*Use Yuh Voice ... If You See Something, Say Something!*'

1. The contest is divided into TWO categories:
 - **Junior Division** Forms 1st – 3rd (Age: 11 – 14)
 - **Senior Division** Forms 4th – 6th (Age: 15 – 18)
2. Each participant is required to submit **ONE** genre only (Essay OR Poem OR Poster).
3. The participant's name shall NOT be typed on the **ENTRY** itself; instead, the National ID number (XXXXXX-XXXX) should appear on each numbered page (where applicable) to allow for anonymity of student and school during the judging process which will be facilitated by a panel of distinguished judges.
4. All essay and poetry entries **MUST** be neatly presented and clearly typed on 8 ½ x 11-inch paper and **MUST** be the participant's **ORIGINAL** work, expressed in his/her own words.
5. Line spacing should be 1.5 lines (poetry) or double spaced (essay); font size should be 12 pt.
6. Each prose/poetry entry **must** be uploaded via the **Registration Link**:
<https://forms.gle/86UNzNzxVw6TvApa7>
7. The measurement for the **Poster** is 11 inches by 17 inches; layout orientation must be Portrait.
8. **Poster** entries will be collected from participating schools by a District 'A' representative.
9. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** Each school, **via the Focal Point/Teacher**, must submit **10 original entries per genre per division** (Junior & Senior) on or before **Sunday, March 31, 2024 by 11.59 p.m.**

PROSE (40 points)

1. Participants will be required to write an essay (**250 – 300 words**) which focuses on the theme "**Use yuh voice ... If you see something, say something!**"
2. The essay will be judged on the following criteria:

CONTENT (20 Points)

- Adequacy of content
- Relevance to theme

ORGANISATION/STRUCTURE (10 points)

- Sequencing
- Arrangement

EXPRESSION (10 points)

- Use of Language/Word choice
- Grammar/Mechanics

3. Each entry **must** include the word count at the end of the essay as the word limit will be **STRICTLY** emphasized.

ESSAY JUDGING SHEET

Level	CONTENT
Excellent 18 - 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates in-depth and thorough knowledge, adequacy & relevance to the topic/theme • Demonstrates excellent understanding of topic/theme • Demonstrates appropriate and effective use of illustrations/examples
Very Good 15 - 17	<p>Demonstrates very good knowledge, adequacy & relevance to the topic/theme</p> <p>Demonstrates very good understanding of topic/theme</p> <p>Illustrations/examples are appropriate and effective</p>
Good 10 - 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates adequate knowledge & relevance to the topic/theme • Demonstrates good understanding of topic/theme • Illustrations/examples are adequate but not as fully developed
Moderate 6 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited/inadequate knowledge of & relevance to topic/theme • May also fabricate some information • Shows a little understanding of the topic/theme • Illustrations/examples flawed or inadequate.
Weak 0 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very little or questionable knowledge of the topic/theme • May also fabricate much or all of the information presented • Little attempt to meet the demands of the topic/theme. • Very little or no illustrations/examples given.

Level I Org	Level II Exp	ORGANISATION & EXPRESSION
Excellent 9 -10	Excellent 9 -10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates excellent organizing skills: essay format with coherent presentation of points, effective linkages, well executed introduction, paragraphs • Demonstrates excellent grammar, sentence and syntactical structures, fluent or elegant style
Very Good 7 - 8	Very Good 7 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates very good organizing skills: points clear; uses introduction and coherent paragraphs • Demonstrates fluent use of English with minor errors in grammar and mechanics (punctuation, spelling, capitalization)
Good 5 - 6	Good 5 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay not as cohesive, but organization evident, paragraphing used • Several errors in grammar and mechanics (punctuation spelling, capitalization)
Moderate 3 - 4	Moderate 3 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weak organizing skills: very flawed paragraphing, or sectionalizing of essay, or little understanding of paragraphing • Several errors in grammar and mechanics (punctuation, spelling, capitalization) which hinder meaning
Weak 0 - 2	Weak 0- 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many language errors or too little information presented to make an assessment

POETRY (40 points)

1. The poem **MUST** be based on the topic "Use yuh voice ... If you see something, say something!" and **MUST NOT** exceed **30 lines**.
2. The poem will be judged on the following criteria:

CONTENT (20 Points)

- Relevance [of content to topic]
- Development [expansion of content on the topic]
- Originality [unusual ideas on the topic]

ORGANISATION/STRUCTURE (10 points)

- Sequencing [of content]
- Attention to form [consistency with features of the genre where applicable]

LANGUAGE USE/EXPRESSION (10 points)

- Diction [word choice]
- Use of literary devices
- Grammar & Mechanics [punctuation, spelling, etc.]

**POETRY CONTEST
JUDGING SHEET**

JUDGING ITEMS	SUGGESTED POINT VALUES					ENTRY #
	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	MODERATE	WEAK	
CONTENT						
Relevance [of content to topic]	18 - 20	15 - 17	10 - 14	6 - 9	0 - 5	
Development [expansion of content on the topic]						
Originality [unusual ideas on the topic]						
ORGANISATION/STRUCTURE						
Sequencing [of content]	9 - 10	7 - 8	5 - 6	3 - 4	0 - 2	
Attention to form [consistency with features of the genre where applicable]						
LANGUAGE USE/EXPRESSION						
Diction [word choice]	9 - 10	7 - 8	5 - 6	3 - 4	0 - 2	
Use of literary devices						
Grammar & Mechanics [punctuation, spelling, etc.]						
TOTAL SCORE (40 POINTS POSSIBLE)						

POSTER (50 points)

1. The poster must reflect the theme "Use yuh voice ... If you see something, say something!"
2. Participants must use either black and white **OR** Colour **OR** any combination of black and white and Colour
3. Participants may use canvas or any other medium of their choice
4. If paints are used, they must be quick drying (Poster/Acrylic only)
5. The poster will be judged on the following criteria:

CRAFTSMANSHIP (20 points)

- Level of skill in manipulation of materials/media (painting, drawing etc)

DESIGN/COMPOSITION (20 points)

- Layout of images and the use of the space

IMPACT (10 points)

- Overall appeal, level of creativity demonstrated, interpretation of theme

POSTER CONTEST JUDGING SHEET

JUDGING ITEMS	SUGGESTED POINT VALUES					ENTRY #
	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	MODERATE	WEAK	
CRAFTSMANSHIP Level of skill in manipulation of materials/media (painting, drawing etc)	18 - 20	15 - 17	10 - 14	6 - 9	0 - 5	
DESIGN/COMPOSITION Layout of images and the use of the space	18 - 20	15 - 17	10 - 14	6 - 9	0 - 5	
IMPACT Overall appeal, level of creativity demonstrated, interpretation of theme	9 - 10	7 - 8	5 - 6	3 - 4	0 - 2	
TOTAL SCORE (50 POINTS POSSIBLE)						