

HOUSTONFEST

Timed Writing

Critique Sheet

Contestant: _____ Circle level: 1 2

School: _____

Judges' names: _____

RULES

Entry Limit: 2 contestants per level, per school (Levels 1 & 2 only)

The contestants will have 25 minutes to write a response to a prompt that is appropriate for their level of German. All contestants in each level will have the same prompt, but the prompts will change from year to year. The contestants may not use any print or electronic aids (phones, dictionaries, etc.). Either one or two writing sessions will be offered early in the day to allow sufficient time for judging.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. **Content:** The text addresses the prompt fully from a variety of angles without wandering off-topic. (0-20 points)
2. **Detail:** Main points are supported with details and elaboration. (0-20 points)
3. **Organization:** The text has a clearly evident structure and flows smoothly through the use of transitional elements. (0-20 points)
4. **Vocabulary:** The contestant correctly uses a wide variety of vocabulary and idioms and avoids using English. (0-20 points)
5. **Grammar:** The contestant uses correct grammar with a variety of complex structures and writes in the tense(s) appropriate for the task. The contestant uses natural German phrasing without interference from English sentence patterns and idioms. Errors, when present, do not impede comprehensibility. (0-20 points)

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) _____

MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANT (Write on the back if necessary.)