

A COURTLY LOVE POEM

Performance Standard 28D.J

Write an imitative thirteenth century Italian Courtly Love Poem in the target language accordingly:

- *Knowledge*: Know vocabulary, linguistic structures and form needed to write the poem.
- *Comprehension*: Execution of the task demonstrates understanding.
- *Communication*: Use presentational strategies appropriate to the genre.

Procedures

1. *In order to present information, concepts and ideas for a variety of purposes to different audiences (28D)*, students should experience sufficient learning to develop the following:
 - Prepare and present an original piece (e.g., essay, story, poem) on a theme of choice in the target language.
2. Have students review and discuss the assessment task and how the rubric will be used to evaluate their work.
3. Prepare students by reading one or more thirteenth century Italian Courtly Love Poems. List and discuss the ideas, metaphors, similes, the concept of the angelic woman, and other conventions that are characteristic in this type of poetry.
4. Have students write an imitative thirteenth century Italian Courtly Love Poem, having the characteristics listed above. A graphic illustration which reflects the poem needs to accompany the written work.
5. Evaluate each student's performance using the Foreign Language Rubric as follows and add each student's scores to determine the performance level:
 - *Knowledge*: Understood structures and vocabulary to write an effective original poem.
 - *Comprehension*: Used various cues to reflect the culture of the time period.
 - *Communication*: Used presentational skills and strategies to communicate time-appropriate material.

Examples of Student Work follow

Resources

- Textbooks, other references
- Foreign Language Rubric

Time Requirements

- One or more class sessions to read and discuss examples and characteristics of the type of poetry to be imitated
- One week outside of class to create the poem

Donna di Luce

Che bella donna!

I suoi occhi portano luce al mondo.

Un mondo che è cattivo,

E bello nei suoi occhi.

I suoi capelli riflettono la luce.

Questa luce è preziosa e pieno di bellezza

Quando questa luce parte,

Il mondo si rifa cattivo.

La donna tiene la luce

La luce di un nuovo mondo

In questo mondo, la vita è perfetta.

La Vita ha un gran scopo.

Lo scopo è di essere con questa donna di luce.

