

Book Talks

What is a book talk?

A book talk is an advertisement of the book. It is a talk about the interesting parts of the book, but not telling the audience the whole story and certainly not the ending. You will get to choose any book you want. I will give a suggested genre though. We will give one every month.

What do I do to give a book talk?

Explain to your audience the beginning of the story and who the characters are. Then select an amusing or exciting part of the book to share. Pick some passages or paragraphs to read to your audience. You are wanting to tell your audience just enough information so they will want to run out and read it. To finish your book talk end it with a cliffhanger.

Remember you don't want to give away the ending of the book though.

How long is a book talk?

A book talk should last about 5 minutes only!

What do I bring with me to a book talk?

Make sure you have the actual book to use as a prop. Dress up as one of the characters if you want. You may use note cards if you need to.

How will I be graded on my book talk?

Here is the rubric I will use to grade every book talk. Getting a 4 on each item should be your goal. Use this as a checklist as you practice. I will circle your grade in class, **so bring this paper back to class!**

<input type="checkbox"/> Did you practice/rehearse at home?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent sign this to confirm _____	4				0
<input type="checkbox"/> Has a copy of the book during the book talk .	4				0
<input type="checkbox"/> Uses an introduction to attract readers.	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintains eye contact with audience/projects voice.	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates an enthusiasm for the book.	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Reads aloud an interesting passage.	4				0
<input type="checkbox"/> Tells enough to be interesting without giving away the end.	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Uses a conclusion that makes us want to read it.	4	3	2	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Stays within the time limits (4-5 minutes) _____	4	3	2	1	0
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Your book talk is due on _____.