

Students Entering Grade 6

Summer Reading Project 2016

Book Talk

Select one book from the list of Jen Bryant titles to give a Book Talk. Your Book Talk project involves delivering a 2-3 minute book talk to the class about one novel you have read from the optional reading choices. The objective of a book talk is to convince the listener to read the book you are recommending. This book talk is essentially a persuasive speech to convince the listeners that they should read a specific book.

Introduction: Find an interesting, exciting, or mysterious quote from the book to start off your presentation. This quote will get the reader's attention. Don't just pick any quote... choose carefully and deliberately to try to capture the attention of the audience. Also explain why you chose the quote. Clearly introduce your book by giving the name and author of the book. Identify the setting of the book.

Middle: The middle of the presentation will cover the characters and plot of the book without giving too much away of the story. Tell a little where the book about the action or conflict involved in the book and what it is about in general. The book talk will cover some additional elements of the novel, but you should focus much of your time on the plot and conflict of the novel.

Resolution: Under **no circumstances** should you give away the ending of the novel. Without giving away the ending, convince the reader that you loved this book and that this is the book they want to read next. Make some predictions which student in the class might enjoy the book.

Visual Aid: Your presentation must include, such as a drawing, collage, map, original book cover, or another visual significant to the book to present to the audience. It can be electronic (on your iPad and projected) or an actual item.

Your presentation does not need to be memorized. You may use notes to make your presentation.

Rubric for Book Talk

1. Introduction begins with a quote that is creative and attracts audience attention.

1 2 3 4 5

2. Title and author are presented as part of the introduction.

1 2 3 4 5

3. Setting is introduced.

1 2 3 4 5

4. Characters are named and described.

1 2 3 4 5

5. Plot of the book is the main focus of the Book Talk and is well-summarized.

1 2 3 4 5

6. Conclusion of the Book Talk encourages the audience to read the book and does not give away the ending.

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7. Book Talk demonstrates enthusiasm for the book.

1 2 3 4 5

8. Presentation is clear and easily understood.

1 2 3 4 5

9. Visual aid is well-done and coordinates with presentation.

1 2 3 4 5

10. Book Talk was within the time limit of 2-3 minutes.

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Total Points/Grade: / 50