

Book Talks

Name: _____ Date: _____

Book talks are an excellent way for you to share a great book you have read with your classmates. Each week three students will present a book talk to the class. **Everyone is required to present at least one book talk per trimester.** Book talks will be graded according to a book talk rubric.

You will be assigned a date for your presentation. A week before your assigned date, I will give you a book talk form and rubric, and you will tell me what book you will be presenting. You must have finished reading the book in order to present it. It is your responsibility to write the date of your book talk in your agenda.

Completed book talks will be kept in a binder in our class library. Anyone looking for a book to read will be able to read your recommendation.

Book talks will have three parts:

- I. About the book (written or typed)
 - a. Include the title of the book (underlined), the author's name, and the genre of the book.
 - b. Give a brief summary of the book (one to two paragraphs). Include the main characters, the problem, the setting, and a plot summary. **Do not** give away the ending of the book, though! No spoilers!

- II. Why you chose the book (written or typed)
 - a. Rate your book as a 1 – 5 star * rating. Make sure the book you choose for your book talk is one you would rate a “4” or a “5” (on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best).
 - b. Write a paragraph telling why you chose to present the book, what makes it a “4 star” or a “5 star.” Tell why you would recommend it. Give **specific** examples from the story without giving away too much of the story.

- III. Present your book talk to the class (oral presentation)
 - a. Bring a copy of the book with you. Place it on the easel next to you.
 - b. Share your book talk with the class. Speak loud enough so everyone can hear you.
 - c. Select one paragraph or page from your book to read aloud to your classmates to excite them about your book
Share your enthusiasm for your book so others will want to read it too!

****Be sure to revise and edit your book talk! Neatness, spelling, and grammar count.****