

BOOK TALK GUIDELINES

Mission: To persuade others to read the book!

Time Limit: 3 minutes (plus or minus 30 seconds)

Book Choice: The book must be approved by the teacher prior to the book talk.

The following must be included in your Book Talk:

- **Catchy Beginning:** Begin your presentation in a creative way.
 - For example, you could begin with a thought provoking question, with a quote from the book, or draw us in with a detailed description of the setting. You can also use your artifact to kick off your Talk.
- **Artifact:** An item related to the book.
 - **Nothing involving the computer! No PowerPoint or anything similar!**
 - It should be a physical item. You can make it yourself, find something you already own, or purchase an item. This must be incorporated into your presentation. Do not leave the explanation of your artifact until the very end. You must have the book with you when you present, but this does not count as your artifact.
- **Why did you choose this book?**
 - What made you choose this book over another? Share the reasons behind your choice.
- **Author and Title**
 - Practice the pronunciation out loud before you present! Is this title part of a series? Is the author known for any other books?
- **Genre:** Be more specific than fiction. You have learned the genres, use it!
- **Setting:** Give the location and the time
- **Conflict:** Make sure to explain the conflict and identify what type of conflict it is. If your book has several conflicts, you may choose to share all or some, but you must share the MAIN CONFLICT.
- **Protagonist:** Who is the main character? Explain how you know.
- **Antagonist:** Who/What is going against the main character? Explain how you know.
- **Character analysis:** Help us get to know one of the main characters. Tell us who they are, a little about his/her personality, and any other information we should know.
- **Theme:** What is the message the author is trying to get across in this story? Explain how you decided on the theme.
- **Recommendation:** Who would be interested in this book? Why?

****Remember**** This is a very short presentation and intended to spark the interest of your fellow classmates. Don't give away too much! Who wants to read a book when they already know the ending? Try to share a book with us that isn't well-known so we are learning from you.