

Summer Reading Book Talk Guidelines

Grade 7

Objective: Compose a Book Talk (an advertisement) for your assigned Summer Reading book.

Assignment: You will **READ** your Summer Reading Book, and utilize the Three Methods of Appeal to **CREATE** an effective, 3 minute (plus or minus 30 seconds) advertisement for your book with the **PURPOSE** of **PERSUADING** your classmates to read your book. **PRACTICE** your Book Talk at home and be prepared to **PRESENT** your Book Talk on the second day of school.

Procedure: The following must be included in your booktalk:

- **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 surprise your audience by speaking through a persona such as the author or a character in the book. Perhaps you could use an artifact or artifacts to kick-off your Talk. **Artifact(s):** You must use the book as one of your artifacts. However, you will need at least one other artifact for your Talk. Artifacts may

not involve the computer! It should not be a PowerPoint or anything similar. You may prepare a poster as a Visual Aid; but be advised a poster will NOT count as an artifact. The artifact must be a physical item. You can make it yourself, find something you already own or purchase an item. The artifact must be incorporated into your presentation.

- **Author and Title:** Practice the pronunciation of unfamiliar names & words. Is this book part of a series? Is the author known for other books? How does the title relate to the book? What is the genre of the book?
- **Exposition:** Be sure to include the main characters, setting and plot in your presentation.
- **Theme:** Include the theme of your novel as part of your Book Talk conclusion.
- **Three Methods of Appeal:** You must include all three Methods of appeal at least once in your Book Talk.

LOGICAL= FACTS

EMOTIONAL= FEELINGS

ETHICAL= FAMOUS PERSON OR INSTITUTION, EXPERT

A SUCCESSFUL BOOK TALK NEVER REVEALS THE ENDING !!!

Literature & Composition
Mrs. Hensel

Summer Reading Choices for Grade 7

A Long Walk to Water Historical / Fiction
Linda Sue Park

Nya goes to the pond to fetch water for her family. She walks eight hours every day. Salva walks away from his war-torn village. He is a “lost boy” refugee, destined to cover Africa on foot, searching for his family and safety.

Two young people...two stories.
One country: Sudan.

This mesmerizing dual narrative follows two threads– one unfolding in 2008 and one in 1985– with one hopeful message: that even in a troubled country, determined survivors may find the future they were hoping for.

A Raisin in the Sun Realistic / Drama
Lorraine Hansberry
(A Screenplay)

A Raisin in the Sun portrays a few weeks in the life of the Youngers, a Black family living on the South Side of Chicago in the 1950s. When the play opens, the Youngers are about to receive an insurance check for \$10,000. This money comes from the deceased Mr. Younger’s life insurance policy. Each of the adult members of the family has an idea as to what he or she would like to do with this money. The matriarch of the family, Mama, wants to buy a house to fulfill a dream she shared with her husband. Mama’s son, Walter Lee, would rather use the money to invest in a liquor store with his friends. He believes it will provide a steady income for the family. Amidst their disagreement, the Youngers struggle with a society in which racial and gender inequality is prevalent. Will the Younger family find common ground or will their dreams dry up – like a raisin in the sun?

The White Mountains Science Fiction
John Christopher

Long ago, THE TRIPODS- huge, three-legged machines- descended upon the Earth and took control. People no longer understand automation or machines, and unquestioningly accept the Tripod’s power. But for a time in each person’s life- in childhood- he is not a slave. Will still has time to escape.

Gathering Blue Dystopian / Fiction
Lois Lowry

Kira, an orphan with a twisted leg, lives in a world where the weak are cast aside. She fears for her future until she is spared by the all-powerful Council of the Guardians. Kira is a gifted weaver and is given the task that no other community member can carry out. While her talent keeps her alive and brings certain privileges, Kira soon realizes that she is surrounded by mysteries and secrets. No one must know of her plans to uncover the truth about her world – and find out what exists beyond it.

Peak
Roland Smith Young-Adult Fiction

When fourteen-year old Peak Marcello's long-lost father presents the opportunity for them to summit Everest together, Peak doesn't even consider saying no – even though he suspects there are a few strings attached. And if he makes it to the top before his birthday, he'll be the youngest person to ever stand above 29,000 feet. It's not a bad turn of events for a guy who's been stuck in New York City with only skyscrapers to (illegally) scale.

Here, in Peak's own words, is the exhilarating, gut wrenching story of what happened on that climb to the top of the world – a climb that changed everything.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer American Realistic Fiction
Mark Twain

This is a famous tale of Tom, a boy from a small town on the banks of the Mississippi River. Tom skips school and has some incredible adventures with his friends Huckleberry Finn and Joe Harper - some real enough - others not quite. They go off and live like pirates, are presumed dead, and return in time for their own funeral. They witness a murder, and discover treasure beyond their wildest dreams.

The Time Machine Science Fiction
H. G. Wells

The year is 802,701. The planet is earth. Only two races of people now exist...the Morlocks and the Eloi. The first live underground in total darkness; the latter are childlike creatures of light. It is a *World of horror and madness*. The time machine by H.G. Wells, is a thrilling story of a contemporary man stranded thousands of years in the future. Transported through the Fourth Dimension by the Time Machine, the traveler finds the human race in a state of weakness and decay...

Whale Rider Contemporary Fiction
Witi Ihimaera

Eight year-old Kahu craves her great-grandfather's love and attention. But he's focused on his duties as chief of the Maori in Whangara, New Zealand- a tribe that claims descent from the legendary "whale rider." In every generation since the whale rider, a male has inherited the title of chief. But now there is no male heir- there's only Kahu. She should be next in line for the title, but her great-grandfather is blinded by tradition and sees no use for a girl.

Kahu will not be ignored. And in her struggle she has a unique ally: the whale rider himself, from whom she has inherited the ability to communicate with whales. Once that sacred gift is revealed. Kahu may be able to reestablish her people's ancestral connections, earn her great-grandfather's attention- and lead her tribe to a bold new future.

Keep scrolling for the supply list!

General supplies needed for all students in grades 6-8.

- A pencil case/pouch used for all subjects that contains:
 - 6 pens / black or blue – no gels
 - 5 red pens
 - Scissors
 - Colored pencils
 - Pencils
 - Hi-Polymer white eraser (such as Pentel brand) or refillable click eraser
 - Assorted color highlighters
 - 2 glue sticks
 - 3 pkgs of Post-it Notes
- 5 pkgs 100-count lined notecards
- 1 pkg of multi-colored lined notecards with a ring attachment
- Loose-leaf paper / **wide ruled**
- Loose-leaf graph paper

***** Please note that supplies will need to be replaced when they run low. *****

- Binder or Binders – you know your child best – if you think that 2 binders work for your child, then use that, but if you think that 1 binder is better, then please do that. Our goal is to help your child be organized.
- 6 Pocket dividers – 1 pocket divider for each subject – Social Studies, Science, English, Literature, Math, and Religion – If color coding works for your child, then by all means do so.
- 32 GB USB Drive
- 1 Texas Instrument 34 Multi-View Scientific Calculator
- 3 composition notebooks
- 1 graph paper composition notebook
- 1 Spanish/English Dictionary
- 3 boxes of tissues (No Puffs or lotion tissues please)
- 1 large container of sanitizing wipes and 1 container of hand sanitizer
- 2 large rolls of paper towels

Thank you! 😊

