

Book Talk Directions

Students will read an appropriately leveled book and prepare a Book Talk. Students may use a book they are currently reading at home, or a book they are reading at school. They may also use a book they read over the summer between 4th and 5th grade. Please do not choose a book you read in 4th grade or earlier, and do not choose a book that you have done another book report on.

Be sure to choose a book you are enthusiastic about. The purpose of a Book Talk is to SELL the book to your audience and make them want to read it, too.

Time

3-5 minutes

Requirements

Note cards (Needed for assistance only PLEASE DO NOT READ OFF OF THEM)

Procedure (Please note #4 and #5 are optional *)

Your Book Talk should include the following:

1. Title, author and genre of your book. You should have the book with you to show the class.
2. Kick off the book talk with an exciting opening. Ask a question, share a great quote from the book or a surprising fact. Remember, you are trying to SELL the book.
3. Briefly summarize the book. (Don't spend too long on this). If it's **fiction**, tell us who the main characters are, what the central conflict is, the important events in the book, and what you believe the author wants readers to take from the experience of reading the book. **DO NOT GIVE AWAY THE ENDING OF THE BOOK**. If it is **non-fiction**, summarize the main topic of the book. You can also describe the different sections or chapters of the book, explain new vocabulary or terms you may have learned, share some interesting new facts that you came across. Keep the audience in suspense by asking a tantalizing question at the end.
4. Describe the writing style of the book. Who is the narrator (first person, third person, a character in the story, etc.)? Does the author use any interesting or unusual word choice or style? Is there a lot of dialogue? *
5. Suggest who might enjoy or not enjoy this book (what type of reader), and explain why (GIVE EXAMPLES). *
6. Give your personal evaluation/critique of the book. Be very specific!!! Give **3** specific examples or reasons to support your opinions. For example, if you loved the author's unique writing style, read a passage that illustrates it.

Remember to practice your Book Talk out loud before the due date!!!!

DUE DATE: _____