

Book Worm Book Talk



A Book Talk is a 2 – 3 minute presentation to your classmates of a book you read. Here's how:

- Begin by showing the book and telling the title, author and genre.
- Give a brief summary of the plot. Include the theme of the story, what you learned from reading it. Talk about the author's style or tone. Do not give anything away, like a surprise ending!
- Share connections you have to the book or parts of the book (text to self, text to another text, or text to world).
- Give your opinion of the book. This may be based on the plot or author's style or something else. Again, don't give away the ending! Entice your audience to want to read the book.
- Book talks should last approximately 2 – 3 minutes.
- You will be graded on a 5-point rubric on your ability to present a strong oral presentation that includes all of the above.

	Content	Organization	Presentation
5	Includes all parts of the assignment; doesn't include irrelevant details.	Shows evidence of appropriate organization and preparation.	Speaks clearly; engages audience with eye contact.
3	Includes most parts of assignment; most information is relevant.	Shows limited evidence of organization and preparation.	Speaks somewhat clearly; makes some eye contact with audience.
1	Presents very little relevant information; little evidence that book was completed.	Shows little if any evidence of organization or preparation.	Is reminded to speak clearly; makes very little eye contact with audience.

Oral Presentation Checklist

- ✓ Did I stick to the topic and not add details that don't belong?
- ✓ Did I present the plot clearly?
- ✓ Did I back up my opinions with reasons?
- ✓ Did I speak clearly?
- ✓ Did I maintain (hold, keep) eye contact?
- ✓ Did I use the right tone, not too formal or informal?
- ✓ Did I use appropriate grammar and word choice?
- ✓ Did I use gestures and facial expressions to show feelings and emphasis?

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