

BOOK TALK 1st Quarter Expectations

Book Talks are an opportunity for you to tell your classmates and me about the book you are reading. Book talks are important because they help you practice speaking in front of a group and summarizing material. Also, Book Talks allow you to spread the word about good books, so you and your classmates can get reading ideas from each other.

When do I give my book talk?

Book Talks will always happen on Wednesdays after IR. You can volunteer to share a book at that time. You are **required to share at least one time before midterm and one time after midterm each quarter**, but you can certainly share more than that!

What is included in a book talk?:

1) Title, Author, and Genre

2) Setting: Describe when and/or where your book takes place.

3) Protagonist: Describe the main character (What is he/she like? How would you describe his/her personality?)

4) Summary: Provide a **summary** of the plot so far, including information about the main conflict.

5) Favorite passage: During each book talk, you will read us a short passage from your book. **Before you read the passage, you must introduce it by giving us a little background about it or explaining to us why you picked it.** It can be a passage you think explains what is going on, a passage you found really exciting, or something you thought was well-written. Most importantly, it needs to spark interest with your audience. **A passage should be no more than a paragraph or two in length.**

6) Reflection: Do you like what you are reading? Why or why not? Your reflection should be thoughtful and move beyond simple explanations such as "I like it because it is suspenseful."

7) Conclusion: Summarize your most salient points

8) Questions: End by asking the audience if they have any questions and answer their questions thoughtfully.



BOOK TALK RUBRIC

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- Setting
- Protagonist is described
- Summarized (main conflict, plot events, etc.) in a way that enables audience to understand novel
- Favorite passage is introduced
- Passage is of appropriate length
- Reflection is thoughtful and explained well
- Conclusion draws the presentation together
- Fields questions easily and professionally

Delivery

- Within assigned time (2-4 minutes)
- Maintains appropriate eye contact with the whole audience
- Speaker appears energetic and passionate about his/her topic
- Passage is read with inflection and excitement
- Uses clear pronunciation
- Uses adequate volume
- Appropriate pace
- Limited use of filler words (like, um, ah, so yeah, etc.)
- Stands up straight, faces audience, does not fidget
- Professional behavior

Other

- Respectful audience member
- Asks meaningful questions
- Notecard contains short notes, not word-for-word presentation

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