

HOW TO GIVE A BOOKTALK

[OPENING]

Hook your audience!

Read a quote from the book, ask a question of your audience, introduce the main character, vividly set the scene, or do a combination of a few of these techniques.

Make sure to also give the title and author of the book.

[SUMMARY]

In a paragraph or two, summarize the plot of the book.

Be sure that your summary introduces the main character, identifies the problem, and leads us toward the solution-- without giving away the ending!

[IMPRESSION]

Share your opinion!

How did you feel about the book?
What did you think of the author?
Would you recommend it to others?
What would you rate it?

[CLOSING]

Entice your audience!

Ask a rhetorical question, read a quote from the book, use a cliffhanger, or do a combination of these techniques.

*Remember, your book talk should flow nicely, like a commercial.
It should not be a giant list answering these questions!*

Name _____ Date _____

Book Talk Grading Rubric

_____ / 15 points — Introduction includes author and title.

_____ / 5 points — Actual book presented for visual.

_____ / 20 points — Book summary is not too long, but provides enough details to develop an understanding of the book's main characters/ideas; summary suggests speaker has full knowledge of the book being discussed.

_____ / 15 points — Recommendation for or against book is supported by at least 3 well-reasoned points.

_____ / 15 points — A passage or quote is read with sufficient energy and explanation.

_____ / 30 points — All behaviors of good public speaking are demonstrated, including sufficient voice volume and modulation, few "umms" and "likes," use of note cards for outline only (no reading from note cards), eye contact with audience is maintained, speech is 3-4 minutes in length.

_____ /100 TOTAL SCORE