

“Book Talk” Activity

Things to Discuss in Your Book Talk

1. Tell us the **title**, the name of the **author**, and the **genre**. (e.g. fantasy, mystery, realistic fiction)
2. Do some research on the author and tell us about other books he/she has written. (There may be some information on the book cover.)
3. Tell us about the **setting**. Where and when did the story take place?
4. Who is the main **character** in your book? Describe him/her.
5. Was there a **conflict** or struggle that the character had to overcome?
6. Share some story details but don't give away too much of the **plot**.
7. What was the **mood** of this novel: funny, sad, exciting?
8. What was the **theme**? (The central idea or lesson about life that the author wants to know.)
9. Why did you like it? What do you remember most about the book?
10. Read a passage from your novel: an interesting quotation, a piece of good description or a memorable line or paragraph.
11. Who would you recommend this book to and why?
12. Why should the audience want to go out and get this book?

Do not simply ‘read’ this info from a piece of paper. KNOW the book, KNOW the topics you are discussing, KNOW the author. You should practice your book talk aloud at home with family or in front of the mirror. Please remember to be creative and make the book interesting for the audience.

Make us want to read your book!

Name

Title

Book Talk Rubric

	9-10 points	7-8 points	4-6 points	1-3 points
Interesting / Prepared	Presentation was extremely interesting! The presenter made us want to read the book! All of the required information was present. Did not use notes.	Presentation was good. Presenter was obviously interested in the book. A few pieces of the required information was missing. Used notes to lead discussion.	Presenter tried to introduce the book. Some of the required information was missing to make it interesting. Read from a paper most of the time.	Presentation was not introduced very well and most of the required information was left out. Needs a lot of work. Read entirely from a paper.
Summary of Book / Information	The presenter gave a well organized summary of the story. The summary gave all of the important information without giving away the whole story!	Presenter gave a good summary of the book. The information was mostly organized.	The information was somewhat organized in the summary. However, it lacked many important details.	The information was in no way organized. It lacked details. The presenter obviously did not read the book.
Opinion of Book	The presenter gave a clear opinion of the book with supporting reasons.	The presenter gave an opinion of the book with some supporting reasons.	The presenter gave an opinion of the book but did not give many details to support their reasoning.	The presenter gave no opinion of the book nor did they give any supporting reasoning.
Connection to real life	Presenter gave clear examples of his/ her connection with the book.	The presenter connected with the book but could have provided more examples.	The presenter connected with the book but did not give examples.	The presenter in no way connected to the book.
Voice	Presenter was loud and clear and easily understood. Bravo!	The presenter was mostly loud and clear.	The presenter was somewhat loud and clear. Needs some work with oral presentations.	The presenter could not be heard or understood at all!
AR test taken	Yes?		OVERALL SCORE	