

Preparation for 5th Grade: Book Talk Assignment

For this assignment, you will choose a book that is at least 70 pages long and appropriate to your personal reading level. You will read the book and prepare a Book Talk (oral book report) for the class. This can be an AR book you are currently reading or just finished. Please DO NOT choose a book you have used for a monthly book report.

Time

3 to 4 minutes

Requirements

Note cards (Needed for assistance, please do not read from them!)

Procedures

Your Book Talk should include the following:

- 1) The title, author, publication date of your book. You should have the book with you to show to the class.
- 2) Briefly summarize the book (don't spend too long on this) by telling who the main characters are, what the central conflict/idea is, what the important events in the book are, and what you believe the author wants readers to take from the experience of reading the book. **It's best not to reveal too much or tell the ending**, especially if you are ultimately recommending the book as a good read.
- 3) Introduce and then read a passage from the book. This passage should be from a significant moment in the story that describes a main character in some way, illuminates the book's theme or central idea, represents an important point in the plot, strikingly reflects the author's style, or foreshadows something exciting. In other words, choose a passage that excites the imagination!
- 4) Finally, tell the audience if you would recommend the book or not, and explain your three main reasons why.

*****Remember to practice your book talk out loud before the due date!!!!*****

Due Date

Book Talks will begin on Thursday, June 8, 2011.

Name_____Date_____

Book Talk Grading Rubric

/10 points — Introduction includes author, title, and publication date.

/10 points — Actual book presented for visual.

/10 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.

/10 points — Recommendation for or against book is supported by at least 3 well-reasoned points.

/10 points — A passage 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.

/20 points — Participation as an audience member is respectful, engaged, and appropriate.

/100 TOTAL SCORE