

## **Book Talk Assignment (March 27-31)**

For your Book Talk, you will give one 3 minute presentation on the book you've read in Quarter 3. The purpose of a book talk is to convince the listener to read the book you are recommending. This book talk is essentially a persuasive speech to convince the listener that they should read a specific book.

*A book talk is very similar to a trailer for a film, which shows you just enough information to convince you that you should watch the movie.*

The book talk will cover *some* elements of the novel, but you should focus much of your time on the plot, themes and conflict in the novel. **NO SPOILERS!!! (Don't give away anything juicy.)**

### **Presentation Outline:**

#### **Attention getter:**

Find an interesting, exciting, or mysterious quote to start off your presentation. This quote will get the reader's attention. Don't just pick any old quote... choose carefully and deliberately to try to capture the attention of the audience.

#### **Introduction:**

Clearly introduce your book by giving the title, author and genre of the book. Perhaps mention any well-known books or movies that are similar to this book to get your listeners in the right mind set.

#### **Body:**

**Setting:** Describe where and when the story takes place

**Characters:** Introduce the main characters and tell a bit about their personalities

**Conflict:** Explain the main conflict or problem the characters face. Do not give the resolution!

**Plot:** Give the general plot of the book without giving away too much of the story

**Theme:** What is the overall theme or message? Why is this message important for the audience to hear?

**Tips:** Please use precise and descriptive language. Don't just give a list of characters. Don't over-summarize. Remember, it should be kind of like a movie trailer.

#### **Conclusion:**

Without giving away the ending, convince the reader that you loved this book and that this is the book they want to read next. Make some predictions about what kind of student would enjoy this book ("if you like..., you'll love..."). You could use quotes and ratings from other reviews (giving credit to where you found this info) or discuss any awards the book has won.

#### **Presentation Tips:**

Practice your presentation a few times before you present. Time yourself. Use note-cards or an outline. This will prevent nervousness. Make eye contact with the audience and speak casually, but make sure you are loud enough and are speaking clearly.

**Alternative: Students can pre-record a book-talk and upload it to youtube.com. All other requirements are the same.**