

What is a book talk?

A book talk does for a book what a movie trailer does for a movie. The purpose of a book talk is to "sell" the book. You want to give enough of the plot to interest the listeners but you are not giving a summary of the book. You don't want to give away the important parts of the book. You certainly never want to give away the ending. You want to highlight the interesting points. You may want to read certain passages to your listeners. The main purpose of a book talk is to grab the audience's interest and make them want to read the book. It's always a good idea to end the book talk with a cliffhanger. Book talks are usually presented to groups of students. The book talker presents the book talks orally and usually has the book as a visual prop.

Suggestions to help you with your book talk:

- **Make a list of the positive elements of your book.** This will give you excellent talking points and will help you to visualize encouraging others to read the book too.
- Tell the genre and author details, discuss the setting and introduce the main character(s) with your opinion about them. Briefly discuss the conflict of the book -- but don't reveal the resolution (no spoilers).
- State what kind of audience you would recommend the book to.
- Avoid looking bored or looking like you're only doing this because it's for school.
- Relax and smile!
- Keep it short -- the book talk should be about 3 minutes in length.

Use the back of this paper to help you get organized for your presentation! You may want to practice saying what you've written - your presentation can be no longer than 3 minutes.

TITLE:

GENRE:

AUTHOR:

DETAILS:

SETTING:

MAIN

CHARACTERS:

CONFLICT:

POSITIVE

ELEMENTS:

IF YOU LIKE ____ THEN YOU'LL LIKE

EXCERPT TO BE
SHARED —

CONCLUDING
THOUGHTS:

