

ELA - Independent Novel Assignment **Preparing Your Book Talk**

Choose a book that you really enjoyed reading in the last month. Then complete the following questions based on your novel to deliver a 2 to 3 minute book talk to the class so that they can hear why you enjoyed this book. Refer to the list of details to include in your book talk as well as the evaluation rubric so you understand how you will be graded.

Details to be included:

1. Begin by explaining the beginning of the story and who the main characters are.
2. Select an interesting, amusing, or scary part of the book to read from, but don't give away the ending. You want to encourage your audience to read it.
3. Bring in a suitable prop for your presentation.
4. Display the book.
5. On the back of this sheet of paper, be sure to include the following information:
 - o Book title
 - o Author
 - o Genre
 - o Number of pages
 - o List any other books written by the author
 - o State the setting
 - o State the theme
 - o State the main conflict

This sheet will help you to remain focused and it will provide a structure for you to stay organized. You will submit this sheet to me immediately following your book talk.

6. Consider giving details about the setting, if it is helpful to the audience's understanding of your book. For example, if you're discussing fantasy fiction, then it would be really beneficial to your audience to know about the time, place, and circumstances of this world.
7. If you're unsure on how to conclude your book talk, you could discuss the theme in the novel. For instance, what did the story teach you?

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Name: _____ Class: _____

Title of novel: _____

Author: _____

Genre (*Fantasy, Science Fiction, Comedy, etc.*): _____

Number of pages: _____

Year published: _____

List other books by the same author: _____

What is the setting (*time, place, and circumstances*) of the novel?

What is the theme of the novel? Explain why you chose this theme.

Identify and describe the main conflict in the novel.
