

Book Talk Presentation Fall 2022 (Summer Reading)

~ For Mr. Cretaro's 2022 7th & 8th Grade ELA Students

Task: You will be graded on how well you incorporate the following key items into your book talk. The grading rubric is on the bottom of this sheet. Each student will have a (2-3) minute time minimum/limit.

*Please choose a book you have not read before as you will risk receiving a 0 for a grade.

(Must be created on index cards or a GoogleDoc for me to collect after your presentation.)

I. Introduction: Show book: title & author please!

II. Setting: When and where does it take place? How does the setting affect the plot? Think about how the story would be different if the plot/conflict took place in another setting. **Provide (2) specific examples of text evidence about the setting so your listeners can visualize what you're talking about.**

III. Discuss an important theme that is present in the story. (Love, friendship, acceptance etc.) Why do you feel that this is a possible theme? How is this important to the story? **Support this theme with (2) specific examples of text evidence from the story.**

* We will leave it open for a question or two from Mr. C. that could help the audience better understand them if anything is left out. (If necessary)

* Please review the rubric below before/during/after the creation of your presentation to ensure you are sufficiently fulfilling all of the necessary requirements. Remember speaking is 25% of your overall grade; so rehearsing ahead of time is recommended.

SUMMER BOOK TALK RUBRIC

Category	1	2	3	4
Setting	Setting is not sufficiently described as it is difficult for audience to follow.	Setting is discussed but it is difficult to tell exactly why it is significant to plot. <u>Only supported by one solid example from text.</u>	Setting is adequately described and <u>supported by two examples from text.</u>	Vivid description of setting along with great detail of how setting affects plot of story.
Theme	Theme is stated but insufficiently... Examples don't align with chosen theme.	Theme is stated but not properly chosen... <u>Only supported by one solid example from text.</u>	Theme is stated sufficiently and is <u>supported by two examples from text.</u>	Theme is carefully chosen and represents strongly what the text is about. Supported by multiple examples.
Knowledge of Book	Student clearly did not read and/or understand book.	Student is able to describe story but at a basic level; missing more complex story elements.	Student shows good knowledge of story and is able to describe elements in an acceptable manner.	Student shows mastery of text and is able to effectively describe content at a high level.
Speaking	Speaks too softly or mumbles; audience has trouble following.	Speaks loudly but too quickly; audience has trouble following.	Speaks loudly but rarely makes eye contact with audience.	Speaks loudly and clearly. Makes eye contact with audience. Engaging.

Overall Student Grade: _____/16