

## SSR Book Talks

Your assignment is to prepare a short (3-4 minute) introduction to your independent reading book (SSR book) and present it to the class on the date you select. Below are guidelines to help you organize your talk. Your grade depends upon not only your memorization and ease with the material, but also your public speaking manner. This assignment is worth 20 points.

### Necessary items to include in your book talk:

1. Title and author of your book
2. Brief summary of the plot ("The story was about...")
3. Most interesting/exciting part of the story and WHY
4. Important characters you liked the most or least and WHY (Did you relate to main character? Did one of the characters remind you of someone you know?, etc.)
5. Your opinion of this book and WHY
6. To whom you'd recommend this book (girls only, kids under 13, etc.) and WHY

### Rubric for Book Talk:

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
<b>Preparedness</b>	Student is completely prepared and has obviously rehearsed.	Student seems pretty prepared but might have needed a couple more rehearsals.	The student is somewhat prepared, but it is clear that rehearsal was lacking.	Student does not seem at all prepared to present.
<b>Comprehension</b>	It is clear student understands all major events and characters in the novel.	It is clear student understands most major events and characters in the novel.	Student understands little about the major events and characters in the novel.	Student does not understand major events and characters in the novel.
<b>Content</b>	Shows a full understanding of the topic. Discusses ALL aspects required according to checklist (title, author, summary, interesting part, characters, theme, opinion, and recommendation).	Shows a good understanding of the topic. Discusses most aspects required according to checklist (title, author, summary, interesting part, characters, theme, opinion, and recommendation).	Shows a good understanding of parts of the topic. Discusses some aspects required according to checklist (title, author, summary, interesting part, characters, theme, opinion, and recommendation).	Does not seem to understand the topic very well. Discusses very few aspects required according to checklist (title, author, summary, interesting part, characters, theme, opinion, and recommendation).
<b>Time-Limit</b>	Presentation is 3-4 minutes long.	Presentation is 3 minutes long.	Presentation is 2 minutes long.	Presentation is less than 2 minutes OR more than 6 minutes.
<b>Listens to Other Presentations</b>	Listens intently. Does not make distracting noises or movements.	Listens intently but has one distracting noise or movement.	Sometimes does not appear to be listening but is not distracting.	Sometimes does not appear to be listening and has distracting noises or movements.

