

Book Talk

To promote their work and try to get others to read their novel, authors often have book readings or book talks.

Your task is to pose as the author of a novel you have read and try to persuade your classmates to read the same novel through a book talk of your own.

During the book talk you will be responsible for:

1. Reading a small portion (two paragraphs to two pages) of the novel aloud to the class. It is best to choose a gripping or suspenseful part; a part you think will hook others and make them want to read the book. You should also read with expression, and practice beforehand.
2. Giving a brief introduction to the plot development including the setting, characters, and the beginning of the plot. (Be sure you do not give away too much information. Remember, you want others to read the book, so do not divulge the entire story.)
3. Giving a brief outline of the theme of the novel, again without divulging too much information.
4. Answering questions the audience may have pertaining to the novel.

Remember you are the author and you are promoting your novel, so make sure you talk it up. The rubric on which you will be graded is below. Good luck!

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Enthusiasm and expression while reading	Consistently uses expression while reading, based on content of material	Somewhat uses expression while reading, based on content of material	Rarely uses expression while reading, based on content of material
Fluency while reading	Consistently reads at a pace easily understood	Somewhat reads at a pace easily understood	Rarely reads at a pace easily understood
Errors	No errors	Few errors	Many errors
	9	6	3
Theme	Theme is stated and it is explained how this theme relates to the story, the world, and the students today	Theme is stated with some explanation	Theme is stated with little or no explanation
Elements	All elements stated; characters, setting, plot	Two elements stated	One element stated

