**Book Talk**

**You work for the Boston Globe, responsible for writing book reviews. Write a review of a novel following requirements below. Choose a genre/topic you are truly interested in and be honest in your review.**

**Book Review Process**

1. Choose a book you will want to recommend
2. Read the book and provide yourself enough time to create a well prepared presentation
3. Outline presentation
4. Rehearse presentation (make revisions as you practice)

**Part I Book Talk Presentation**

1. Create a lead to grab the audience’s attention (persuasive writing technique)
2. Introduce title, author, and the genre
3. Introduce main characters & setting and summarize the story (plot) without revealing any secrets (do not read your written summary)
4. Include your favorite part **or** a personal connection
5. Explain the **THEME** of your book
6. Mention other books by the author
7. Conclude with a statement persuading your peers to read **or** not read this book (persuasive writing)
8. Include one unique contribution to your presentation (music, poster, costume, riddle, recipe etc.)
9. Presentation should be approximately 3-5 minutes

**Part II Written Book Review**

1. Submit a **detailed** summary of your book including:
   1. Main characters (introduce with character traits & explain relationship between one another)
   2. Setting (describe time & place, if several specific locations describe most important ones)
   3. PLOT (provide main story line Problem/Solution)
   4. Theme (explain the theme and how it

**You will be assessed on your presentation and written summary. Practice several times so that you can present without reading and keep the audience engaged.**

**Presentation Date**

**Practice your presentation and Remember…**

1. Make eye contact or look at the top of your audience’s heads
2. Speak clearly at a moderate pace
3. Show enthusiasm
4. Use notes to help you stay on topic, **but DO NOT READ TO US**

Use the graphic organizer to plan your presentation (short words and phrases you will use for your script)

* Lead to grab the audience’s attention (use persuasive writing techniques)
* Introduce title, author, the genre
* Summarize the story without revealing any secrets (characters, setting, problem/solution)
* Favorite part **or** a personal connection
* THE MEssage (theme)
* Mention other books by the author
* Persuasive conclusion
* Include one unique contribution to your presentation (music, poster, costume, riddle, etc.)

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**Book Talk – Persuasive Writing Techniques**

Use the following techniques to convince your audience to read your book.

**Introduction**

* Grab the audience’s attention
  + a quote *(“Just close your eyes and keep your mind wide open,” Leslie from Bridge to Terabithia.)*
  + a statistic *(There are 76,944 words in the novel Harry Potter: The Sorcerer’s Stone and I loved every one of them.)*
  + a rhetorical question *(Do you want read a book that keeps you on the edge of your seat?)*
  + an interesting fact *(A 12-year old boy from North Carolina claims reading the book Hatchet saved his life. He was separated from his camping group and lost in the wilderness for four days practicing skills he learned from reading this book.)*

-----------------------INSERT AMAZING PRESENTATION/SUMMARY HERE -------------------

**Conclusion – Your last chance to convince the audience to read your book**

* Restate your most important argument
* Identify an expert *(Just ask Mrs. Hall, this book is taken out from the library more than any book in Hingham.)*
* Benefit to audience *(This book will change your life and if you get lost in the woods, this book may even save it!)*
* Call to action *(Go out and borrow this book today!)*
* Restate the purpose of the speech using a *Concluding Phrase (from word bank) (Without a doubt, this will be the best book you read all year!)*

Additional phrases you may use while introducing & concluding your presentation

**Introductory Phrases Concluding Phrases**

* + In my opinion
  + There is no doubt
  + There is no doubt that
  + From my point of view
  + It seems to me that
  + I question whether
  + I maintain that
  + I (dis) agree with
  + It is my belief that
  + As you can see
  + As I have noted
  + In other words
  + In short
  + Without a doubt
  + Be sure to
  + Unquestionably
  + Obviously
  + In brief
  + In any case
  + In any event