

**Rubric for Book Talk**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	4	3	2	1
<b>Grabs attention with opening and includes author, title, and genre</b>	<b>You got my attention! You included all 3 items.</b>	<b>Your opening was on track and/or you included only 2 items.</b>	<b>Your opening needed work and/or you included just 1 item.</b>	<b>Your opening lacked interest and/or the needed items.</b>
<b>Discusses the plot, conflict, and characters briefly, yet with appropriate details</b>	<b>You gave a thorough, interesting summary of the elements without sharing secrets!</b>	<b>You gave a somewhat thorough, interesting summary of the elements without sharing secrets!</b>	<b>Your summary of the elements lacked details and/or gave away too much.</b>	<b>Review the book and its characters, plot, and conflict. Avoid sharing secrets.</b>
<b>Shares a memorable passage (suspenseful, beautiful, humorous, etc.)</b>	<b>Your passage was well-chosen and smoothly delivered.</b>	<b>You included a good passage; work on including it smoothly.</b>	<b>Choose a more memorable passage, and include it smoothly.</b>	<b>Where was the passage?</b>
<b>Discusses the theme, how it's relevant, and recommends the novel</b>	<b>You nailed the theme and convinced us why the book is a worthy read.</b>	<b>You discussed the theme and were mostly convincing.</b>	<b>You forgot the theme or weren't convincing when recommending the book.</b>	<b>You did not discuss theme and/or share your recommendation.</b>
<b>Demonstrates knowledge of and enthusiasm for the book</b>	<b>We could tell you knew your book well and were excited to share about it.</b>	<b>You knew your book fairly well and were mostly excited to share.</b>	<b>You stumbled a bit in knowing your book and in showing enthusiasm.</b>	<b>Make sure you know your book well and show enthusiasm.</b>
<b>Maintains eye contact; avoids reading script</b>	<b>You looked at your audience during the whole book talk.</b>	<b>You looked at your audience most of the time.</b>	<b>You barely looked at your audience.</b>	<b>Practice looking at your audience (try a mirror or record yourself).</b>
<b>Speaks effectively (volume, clarity, pacing, pronunciation)</b>	<b>We could easily hear and understand you. You spoke at an even pace and pronounced words correctly.</b>	<b>We could mostly hear and understand you. At times you rushed or mispronounced words.</b>	<b>We could sometimes hear and understand you. Slow down and practice pronouncing your words.</b>	<b>Practice speaking loudly and clearly; work on your pacing and/or pronunciation of words.</b>
<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Delivered book talk on the agreed upon due date.</b>	-----	-----	<b>Delivered book talk after the agreed upon due date.</b>

Additional comments:

Total score: \_\_\_\_\_ / 32 points