

Book Talk Planner and Rubric

Name _____

Presentation Date: _____

He took a deep breath. He opened his mouth and let the words fall out.
"I know where there's a tiger."

Sistine stood in the drizzling rain and stared at him, her eyes black and fierce.

She didn't say "A real one?"

She didn't say "Are you crazy?"

She didn't say "You're a big old liar."

She said one word: "Where?"

And Rob knew then that he had picked the right person to tell.

The excerpt above is from The Tiger Rising, a story by Kate DiCamillo. The main character, Rob, is living a life of great isolation and longs for a friend. He hopes to have found one in Sistine. Read The Tiger Rising to find out if he has.

Often, we choose books based on a suggestion from someone else. For this assignment you will be asked to choose a book that you have enjoyed and "sell" it to your classmates.

Required Elements

In an oral presentation, persuade your classmates to read your chosen book. Make sure you include:

- the book's title;
- the author's name;
- the book's genre;
- who is telling the story;
- a brief description of the main character;
- the dominant setting (Wild Western town, space station, medieval kingdom);
- a description of the main conflict that does NOT give away the story;
- a prop; (See your choices below.)
- two (2) Choice Elements from the back of this page;
- a read aloud; Read an interesting passage. Be sure to practice this before you present. Remember to sell it.

Choose a visual aid from the following list or ask your teacher for permission to do something else.

Prop	As part of your book talk, present an object and explain why it represents a character, setting, or theme from your book.
Illustration	Draw a new cover for your book, a scene from the story, or an advertisement. Think about a movie poster. *
Dress Up	Help your classmate to see a character from your book by dressing up as that character. Perhaps you could even think of a way deliver your book talk as that character.
Make a diorama	Make a three dimensional model of a scene from your story. *

* Make sure not to give away important plot moments.

Choice Elements

In addition to the required elements listed on the front, choose two (2) more from the list below.

1) **Favorite Part**

Tell your class about your favorite part of the novel. Be careful not to reveal too much.

2) **Recommended Audience**

Make a suggestion about who might most appreciate this book.

3) **Why did YOU choose to read the book?**

Telling classmates why you chose the book might hook one of them.

4) **Other books by the author?**

If we like ONE book written by a given author, it is likely that we'll like OTHER books by the same author. Name a few other books written by the author of your book.

5) **Make a Personal Connection**

If a character in the book reminds you of yourself or someone in your life...

If a situation from the book happened to you or someone you know...

If you can relate to a character's problem...

If a setting from the book sounded like a place you have been...

If you made any other type of connection to the story...

...explain your connection to the class.

Grading

Required Elements

title					2	0
author's name					2	0
genre					2	0
who is telling the story					2	0
dominant setting					2	0
main character description				4	2	0
read aloud				4	2	0
a description of the main conflict			6	4	2	0
two choice elements		8	6	4	2	0
visual aid	10	8	6	4	2	0

Presentation Skills

verbal

volume					2	0
expression					2	0

nonverbal

eye contact					2	0
posture					2	0

Required Elements **42 Points**

Presentation Skills **8 Points**

Total Earned /50 Points

Book Talk Organizer

Name _____

1. Choose the "book" you will "talk" about.
2. Reread the book talk requirements handout.
3. No, really. Reread the book talk requirements handout.
4. Complete this organizer and follow the directions on the book talk handout.
5. Study the organizer and memorize as much of it as possible.
6. Optional: Cut apart the organizer and use it as flash cards during your talk.

Title:	Author:
Genre:	Point of View:
Main Character Description	Setting:
Main Conflict	Choice Element 1 Option #__
Choice Element 2 Option #__	Read Aloud Page # _____