**Book Talk Planning**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Directions: Use this template to guide your preparation of your book talk. You may use this document during your talk, but only as a guide. You may not read directly from this sheet; it’s nice to look up and make eye contact around the room. **You must TALK about your book to the class… not read your book to the class.**

**Book title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Quick summary of the book that doesn’t give away the ending, but does ***include the main characters, setting and conflict.*** It answers the question “What was this book about?” Use the possible talking points on the back of this page to help gather thoughts and talking points.

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Book Talk: an independent reading project

* A book talk is a short, interesting oral report on a book that you have read and want to share with your peers and your teacher.
* Choose one book that you have read and finished, preferably within the last few months.
* Be sure to tell us the title, the name of the author, and the genre (e.g. fantasy, mystery, realistic fiction, graphic novel, etc)
* Please rehearse your talk by reading it out loud several times.
* Your talk should be no more than 1 ½ minutes long.
* If you are absent on the day of your talk, you will give your talk to a group of students and teachers at lunchtime upon your return.
* Doing a video book talk is an alternate means of presenting to the class. Please see Mme Farrell if this is something you wish to do, or if you have another idea for how you can present comfortably.

Topics: Below is a list of potential topics you could talk about during your book talk. You want to think of it as a movie trailer for your book. No spoilers please! You are talking about your book but not re-telling the book!

* Tell us about other books the author has written (there may be some of that information on your book cover).
* If it’s an interesting story, explain why you chose your book.
* If it’s unique or otherwise unknown, go into detail about the setting.
* Describe a character in the book that you really connect with. Explore their strengths, weaknesses, decisions, role in the story, and anything else you like about them.
* If there is a conflict or struggle that the character(s) have to overcome, describe it and the complications without giving away the ending!
* Share a short passage that is particularly meaningful or important. Be sure to introduce the passage by explaining what leads up to it (the context) and then why you chose to read this excerpt.
* What is the mood of this novel: funny, sad, dark, sarcastic? Explain what makes you say this.
* What is the theme (the central idea or lesson about life that the author wants to know)?
* Why did you like this book? What do you remember most about the book?
* Did this book enlighten you in any way? Explain how this book impacted your thinking about a time period, a person, an issue, a conflict, a situation.
* Who would recommend this book to and why?