**Book Talk Requirements**

**In order to receive full points for the monthly Book Talk, you must complete the following steps:**

**1) Select any novel or play that meets the following criteria:**

* At least 100 pages (normal size print) in length
* Appropriate subject for a high school level classroom.
* Approved by the teacher by the deadline.
* Could be a compilation of poetry, short stories, etc…
* Qualifies as at least one grade level or more above your assessed grade level for reading.
* Acceptable genres in fiction or nonfiction (biography, science fiction, fantasy, horror, historical, realistic, etc…)

**2) Read the entire book by the selected date for the scheduled presentation.**

**3) Complete the entire book review worksheet and submit by the deadline.**

**4) Write a presentation, representative of your book review meeting the following:**

* No more than three minutes in length
* Uses a visual aid to support information in the presentation. ( powerpoint, poster, book bag, costume, etc…)
* Include the author and title of the book choice.
* Must include information about all the plot elements (setting, characters, conflict, theme)
* Provide a brief summary about the plot steps, without giving away the ending.
* Discuss your answers to at least two of the short answer questions.
* Explain your short answer question response.
* Provide encouragement for others to read the book you chose.

**5) Visual aid requirements are as follows:**

* Large enough for the audience to see from across the room;
* Neat and organized
* Clear representation of the required items from the presentation requirements.

Example:

Book Bag Visual Aid

* Outside of the bag:
  + Decorate bag to represent elements of the novel. (characters, recreation of the cover, symbols for the theme)
* Inside the bag:
  + Select & present an item to represent each of the elements of the novel ( characters, setting, conflict, theme, & the title).

**Book Talk Review**

**Directions: Provide a short description for each category. Write answers in complete sentences.**

**Title:**

**Author:**

**Setting (geographic location, time period, etc…) :**

**Overarching (major) Conflict:**

**Resolution:**

**Supplemental (minor) Conflict:**

**Resolution:**

**Characterization (identify major & minor characters who have an essential part in the plot. Provide a short description of each character. Try to explain the common six traits: looks, actions, motivations, author info., other character reactions, & spoken dialogue.**

**1)**

**2)**

**3)**

**4)**

**5)**

**Themes:**

**1)**

**2)**

**Short Answer Questions (answer the following questions in complete sentences. Be sure to include specific examples from the book when answering each question.)**

**1) What did you like about the book? What didn’t you like about the book?**

**2) Was the ending of the book what you expected? Why or why not?**

**3) Why was the title selected for this book? Explain the significance of the title as it relates to the novel.**

**4) List and define three new words you learned from reading the book you chose.**

**Short Essay Question**

**Which of the characters are you most like in the novel? Give specific examples from the book to support your answer.**