

Booktalk

Your mission is to create an exciting booktalk, one that will get your peers interested in the book you recommend. A booktalk is a 3-5 minute talk about a book you want to motivate others to read.

To begin, you must:

- First, think about what gets you excited about reading. Is it the characters? Or, is it the setting, an exciting plot, interesting themes, or a personal connection you have with the story?
- Second, choose a great book to share.
- Third, take notes as you analyze the book's characters, setting, and plot to determine the theme.
- Fourth, prepare an exciting script for your booktalk by:
 - ❖ Including an interesting hook (a way to get them interested). It can be a quote from the book, or something about the character/s.
 - ❖ Thoroughly and vividly describe the setting and main characters
 - ❖ Retelling an exciting part of the story without revealing the ending
 - ❖ Restating the title and author at the end of your booktalk
 - ❖ Leaving your listeners with a compelling reason for checking out the book you recommended

Fifth, deliver your booktalk to your audience orally.

Remember to:

- ❖ Speak loudly and clearly.
- ❖ Make frequent eye contact with your audience.
- ❖ Speak with enthusiasm. Remember it's your job to hook your reader.

*You must turn in a script. It may be on note cards or paper.

