# Book Talk

W. H. Day Learning Commons

## Some examples







https://youtu.be/j\_ntSgZ9EYo

### What is a book talk?

They are a way of recommending a book for someone else to read.

Almost like a mixture of a commercial and a book report.

They are short. (Around 1 to 2 minutes long)

They try to get the viewer interested in a book.

They give important information about the story without spoiling the book.

### Key details

Have a hook or a way to get your attention very quickly in the video.

Make sure to share the title, author, and genre of the book.

Show the book cover.

Share exciting details of the book to convince others to read it.

You don't always have to be on camera.

No one does a book talk perfectly the first time. (Practice and reshoot if necessary)

### How to make an effective book talk

Your book talk must consist of the following components: 1. Introduction: - title of the book

- brief explanation of theme of the book
- genre and 1 piece of evidence to support this 2. Explanation of main characters: describe the antagonist and protagonist in your book (as explained in class) 3. Your recommendation of the book and why

#### Book talk Success Criteria

Introduction: Find an interesting, exciting, or mysterious quote to start off your presentation. This quote will get the reader's attention. Don't just pick any old quote... choose carefully and deliberately to try to capture the attention of the audience Also explain why you chose the quote.. Clearly introduce your book by giving the name and author of the book.

Middle: The middle of the presentation will cover the setting, characters, and plot of the book without giving too much away of the story. Tell a little where the book is set, what kind of action or conflict is involved in the book, and what it is about in general. See if you can mention the theme of the novel. Under no circumstances should you give away the ending of the novel. Do not just list the characters and the setting and don't give a drawn out summary of the book.

Resolution: Without giving away the ending, convince the reader that you loved this book and that this is the book they want to read next. Make some predictions which student in the class would enjoy the book.

### Creating a QR Code for viewing

https://www.grcode-monkey.com (Free software)

#### Publisher book trailers

Similar to videos created by others, You can create QR codes that link to book trailers/book talks that you have made for your favourite school library books. I will tape them to the back cover of books and students can grab an iPad in the library and scan the QR codes to watch the video before making a decision about checking out the book.

https://youtu.be/OS9bc8de vE How to make a video and add a QR code