

7th & 8th Summer Reading Book Presentation

You must include the following components:

- ✓ **Title**—use the book itself as a prop while you speak. This is required.
- ✓ **Author**—mention the author by name, including any relevant details about the author’s life or other works.
- ✓ **Genre**—explain this book’s categorization, such as Literature/Fiction, Nonfiction, Teen, Mystery/Thriller, Biography/Memoir, Fantasy/Sci-Fi, Romance, Classics, History, Humor, and/or Sports.
- ✓ **Audience**—discuss the intended reader. Who does the author have in mind for an audience? If applicable, explain target age, gender, etc.
- ✓ **Main characters** – briefly describe the main characters and their personality traits. Are they likeable? Can you relate to them? Why or why not?
- ✓ **Conflict** – briefly explain the conflict (the major problem) that takes place in the novel. DO NOT give away the ending!

- ✓ **Themes**—consider the purpose of the author. Themes may include ideas like: coming-of-age, finding oneself, loyalty, betrayal, courage, guilt, survival, understanding each other, overcoming prejudice, etc...
- ✓ **Style**—explain the author’s writing style, considering use of description, humor, realism, believable dialogue, philosophy, figurative language, etc.
- ✓ **Excerpt**—use a brief passage from the book to illustrate typical style, voice, or perspective in the writing. This can be narrative, description, or dialogue.
- ✓ **Rating**—provide your personal assessment on a 5-star scale, according to the following guide:
 - 5 stars = Loved it!
 - 4 stars = Really liked it.
 - 3 stars = Liked it.
 - 2 stars = Didn’t like it.
 - 1 star = Hated it!

- ✓ **Question/Answer**—following your presentation, plan on answering some questions about the book from audience members.

Using the above outline, make a notecard (I suggest 5X8) for each category.

Carefully plan your answer and presentation.

Be prepared- You must practice your presentation before speaking to the class. This presentation is worth up to 100 points, and counts as 10% of your first quarter literature grade.

Summer Reading Oral Presentations – begin first week of school

Preparation is the key to giving an effective and interesting presentation.

1. Plan your presentation

- a. Plan what you will say.
- b. Organize your thoughts
- c. ***Make notes on index cards (*required)**

2. Rehearse your presentation

- a. Practice in front of the mirror or in front of a parent.
 1. *Watch your movements and expressions*
 2. *Use your note cards to remind you of main points and supporting evidence*
 3. *Practice enough times so that you can maintain eye contact with your audience*
- b. Speak clearly and precisely.
- c. Vary your tone of voice, pacing, and volume.
- d. Stop a moment after each important point. This emphasizes the point and allows listeners to think about what you've said.
- e. Maintain eye contact with your audience.
- f. Use gestures to draw attention to specific points.