

Oral Presentation: Book Talk (10 marks)

This presentation asks you to prepare a short speech offering up some information and opinions about a book recorded in your log. For this short speech, you will mainly be assessed on content. That means that you need to be sure to cover the outline requirements. Text for a sample presentation is on the back. However, prepare your presentation considering the public speaking activities from class - *volume, eye contact, intonation, body movement*.



Visuals: a minimum of a copy of the book. You may use PowerPoint. If you do, take care to follow the PAA guidelines, the most important of which is severely limiting text.

Necessary Elements

1. Name the title of the book and its author. Provide a bit of biographical background on the author including other books he or she has written. What genre of books does the author write? Where is he or she from etc.?
2. In a paragraph, summarize in very general terms, the story. Don't be sharing too many specifics! Think of a movie review for comparison. Visit a site such as rottentomatoes.com for examples. The worst mistake would be to reveal several key elements of the book and then say "you need to read the book to find out the rest." NASTY
3. What elements were good about the book? **Be specific and clear** (Include information about plot, characters, and the author's writing style)
4. Share your opinion and then give support it. If you feel the book is very good and well written, explain to whom you might recommend this book and why. Give a rating in stars out of 5. One star books are terrible and a waste of reading time. Five star books are classics and the best of their type, absolutely must reads.

The presentation will be timed.

Marking Rubric - Book Talk Name _____

Outline Aspects

1. Background on the author provided.
2. Story summarized without giving away the ending
3. Observations with support identifying aspects of the book found appealing or disliked
4. Rating out of five stars.



Total Time:

Mark /10

Sample Text.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

(Point 1) Eoin Colfer is a New York Times bestselling author of a collection of novels targeted toward children and teens. This Irish author's work has been compared to another popular author, J.K. Rowling. One his books, Half Moon Investigations, was turned into a television series. He is most well-known for a series of books featuring a protagonist, Artemis Fowl. The character Artemis is a boy genius of questionable morality who finds adventure as he pursues his sometimes dubious goals. The success of this series has allowed Mr. Colfer to leave a teaching job and concentrate fulltime on writing.

(Point 2) Artemis Fowl is a story about an 11 year old genius who is also a criminal mastermind. Using his unique abilities, Artemis is able to capture one of the "people", a member of a magical race that lives underground. This action puts Artemis in conflict with them. He needs to outwit the would-be rescuers and accomplish his hidden goals. Along the way we meet centaurs, trolls, dwarves and mud people (humans).

(Point 3) This book has lots of action but is funny at the same time. Even though Artemis is a criminal, you feel some sympathy for him. The characters are interesting. There are all kinds of magical creatures but they are presented in humorous ways rather than just serious.

(Point 4) I would recommend this book because it is a page turner that makes you laugh as you read it. It nicely mixes actions and suspense with humour. I give it four stars out of five.