Book Chat Format

Your book chat should be approximately three minutes long. Remember, a book chat should be an upbeat endorsement of the book you are talking about. You should only do a book chat on a book that you would recommend to others. You are advertising it to the rest of the class. The following information should be presented in your book chat.

1. Be sure to state the title of the book along with who the author is. What genre is it? Be sure to show the class your book.
2. Explain why you chose to share this book.
3. What is the setting (time and place)?
4. Who are the main characters? What kind of people are they?
5. Give a brief overview of the book.
6. Read an excerpt (paragraph or two) and explain why this passage is important to the story.

How to Prepare:
- Make sure you’ve read the book.
- Think about what is interesting about your book.
- Take notes as you read. You may want to consider a reader response journal.
- Mark passages you may want to share during your book chat.
- Prepare note card(s) to refer to during your chat.

Remember:
- Practice the night before.
- Look at everyone.
- Speak clearly.
- Show your enthusiasm.
- Relax and have fun sharing your book!
Book Chat Rubric

Student’s Name: _______________________

Book: ________________________________

Introduction

Comments:

____ Title identified
____ Author identified
____ Genre correctly identified

Why they chose to share this book   ____

Setting

____ Time  ____ Place

Main character(s) Introduced____

Brief Overview Presented   ____

Read passage ____

Delivery  W (weak)  A (average)  S (strong)

  W  A  S - Volume                  W  A  S - Eye contact
  W  A  S - Rate                   W  A  S - Stage presence

Time (3 minutes) ______