**Rubric for Book Talk**

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| **Criteria**  | **Excellent** **20 - 16** | **Above Average** **15 - 10** | **Average** **10 - 7** | **Below Average****0 - 6** |
| **Introduction attracts audience** | **Exceptionally creative beginning with an excellent quote** | **Creative beginning with a good quote** | **Not a very creative or interesting beginning with a quote** | **Not a very good beginning with no quote** |
| **Discusses the plot, setting, and characters** **Discusses the theme** | **Thorough and interesting summary of these elements** **Makes an insightful argument about the theme** | **Inconsistent summary of these elements** **Correctly discusses theme but fails to elaborate on the importance** | **Average summary of the elements** **Touches upon theme without much depth** | **Missing a component** **Does not discuss theme or makes a very general statement about the theme** |
| **Conclusion makes us want to read the book (or not read the book)** | **Very enticing conclusion – draws the listener to read the book** | **Somewhat interesting conclusion- listener might want to read the book** | **Concluded but did not draw the listener to read the book** | **Very boring conclusion or no conclusion at all** |
| **Presentation skills****&****Enthusiasm for the book**  | **Very enthusiastic & knowledgeable** **Voice is clear, words are pronounced correctly and tempo is good** **Maintains eye-contact** | **Somewhat enthusiastic and knowledgeable** **Voice is mostly clear and audible,** **Mostly maintains eye-contact** | **Shows average enthusiasm and understanding** **Sometimes hard to understand or hear the student** **Little eye-contact** | **Not enthusiastic at all** **Spoken word is too soft, mumble, speaking much too fast or slow.** **No eye-contact**  |
| **Visual aid** | **Visual aid is well done, colorful, and very helpful to the presentation** | **Visual aid is colorful, and helpful to the presentation** | **Visual aid is completed and might be helpful to the presentation** | **Visual aid is not done or very poorly done** |

**Stays within time limit: Yes / No**

**Comments: Score:**