

Book Review Presentation

Name _____ Period _____ Presentation Date _____

Book title _____

Author _____ # of Pages Read _____

Second Book title _____

Author _____ # of Pages Read _____

You will turn in this sheet along with your script BEFORE you begin your presentation. Presentation

guidelines:

- 2-3 ½ minutes: Practice! Over or under by more than 30 seconds loses a full grade. It's nice if you have a copy of the book to show us.
- Tell us the title and author of the work(s) and its availability in the CDO and Pima County Libraries (and local bookstores if needed). Mention what bestseller list it is on currently.
- Provide a brief synopsis of the plot. (Note: this should NOT take the majority of your time. Your purpose is to offer the class an evaluation of the work, not to give a lengthy plot summary. Remember not to give away the good parts.)
- Categorize its genre: mystery, romance, etc. Make sure to distinguish fiction from nonfiction.
- Describe what you enjoyed (or disliked) about the book. Why do you think it is or was a bestseller? Would you recommend this to a friend? Would you choose another work by this author? Focus on the elements (plot, characterization, description, language, etc.) that impacted you the most. You can do this throughout the presentation. Provide some examples: if you think the description is really good, read one to us and tell us what you think is particularly good about it. *This evaluation is the heart of the presentation.*
- Make sure to include enough detail that you convince us that you actually read the book.
- Comment on who is an appropriate audience or what sorts of people might enjoy (or dislike) the book. Indicate whether any content might offend some people: profanity, sex or violence (if graphic or glorified), sensitive issues like religion or racism, etc.
- If you choose a book that has a film version available, you must comment on differences between them to convince us that you read rather than just watched. See me if you aren't sure if there is a film available.
- You should express EMOTION about what you read: love it or hate it, or parts of it.
- Presentations are worth 50 points. Points may be deducted for not including required content, too much plot summary, "dead" presentation style, fewer than 250 pages or generally not including proof that you actually read the book. Prepare to be orally challenged if you're not convincing.
- If you miss your scheduled presentation date, you will need to come in on your own time during tutoring at 2:29.

Before your presentation, you must hand me a copy of your script. In addition, you must submit the script for your review to turnitin. Failure to do so will result in the loss of **half of your points**. Your presentation may not be word-for-word from your script, but what you say must follow what you wrote closely.