**Mini Presentation: Book Talks (MYP Criteria C)**

Think of a book talk as your opportunity to advocate for a book that you are reading. A **book talk** **is NOT a review or a book "report."** A book report tells somebody you read the **book**; a book talk tries to convince the person to read the **book**. The key to booktalking is, "sell it, don't tell it." Thus, a **book talk** is more of an advertisement or a commercial.

**Book Talk Checklist**

* Hold your book while you present
* Tell us the title, the author’s name, and the genre of your book (fantasy, historical fiction, postmodern, adventure, mystery, humour, etc.) [2 marks]
* give a brief statement about how and why you chose the book [2marks]
* General introductory **summary** of your book –NO SPOILERS![2 marks]
* Include a statement about the central conflict and one or more of the main characters (who are these people, why are they worth caring about)[2 marks]
* Read a passage that you found interesting, arresting, exciting, funny, etc. –rehearse your reading, put some life into the words [4 marks]
* One or two favorite parts of the book [2 marks]
* Two Connections you had while reading the book [2 marks]
* Text to self or other students (personal connections that a reader makes between a piece of reading material and the reader’s own experiences or life)
* Text to Text (This includes other books, poems, movies, tv shows, songs, works of art)
* Text to World (how the book connects to our ideas of how the world works)

• Sell the rest of us on why we should read your book

There are 20 marks available for this presentation the four remaining marks are for audience and presentation engagement

**Making Connections**

Below are some examples of questions that can be used to help you make connections with your chosen book(s):

**Text-to-self:**  
What does this remind me of in my life?   
What is this similar to in my life?   
How is this different from my life?   
Has something like this ever happened to me?  
How does this relate to my life?  
What were my feelings when I read this?

**Text-to-text:**What does this remind me of in another book I’ve read?   
How is this text similar to other things I’ve read?   
How is this different from other books I’ve read?  
Have I read about something like this before?

**Text-to-world:**  
What does this remind me of in the real world?  
How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world?   
How is this different from things that happen in the real world?   
How did that part relate to the world around me?

**Statement starters**

**This part reminds me of....  
I felt like...(character) when I....  
If that happened to me I would....  
This book reminds me of...(another text) because....  
I can relate to...(part of text) because one time....  
Something similar happened to me when....**