You have been reading a book of your choice for the past few weeks. You will now prepare to give a Book Talk on that choice book. A book talk is a promotion of a book, not just a plot summary. This is NOT a book report! The purpose is to tell your classmates about your book in such a way that makes us, your audience, want to read this book. The book talk requirements are as follows:

1. Tell the title, author, and genre of the book.

2. Explain why you chose it. Explain your choice process (e.g. did you like the cover, are you interested in the topic, etc.).

3. Give an overview of the setting (time, place, customs).

4. Give an overview of the main character(s).

5. Provide a brief plot description, but don’t give away the ending! (2-3 sentences max!)

6. Read a meaningful excerpt from the book, and explain why you chose that excerpt. The excerpt should be a “teaser.” Think about the trailers for movies -- what makes you want to see a movie? They show you snippets of the best parts. You need to consider this while choosing your excerpt.

7. To whom would you recommend this book? Give a general description of the type of people who might like to read this book. For example, “I would recommend this book to young teens whose parents are getting a divorce because...”.

8. You must be present on the day you signed up for your Book Talk. If you are absent, you will present at the end of the unit and late points will apply as per the policy in the syllabus.

9. Your Book Talk should be no more than 2 minutes.

10. Write a paragraph about the ending of the novel. You will NOT present this to the class, but you will submit it to me.

Book Talk Presentations Begin: Thursday, 10/4
Book Talks End AND all paragraphs due: Friday, 10/19