

Book Report Presentation Specifications (PowerPoint)

General Specifications: Presentations should be neatly done, visually appealing, and free of errors. (Think *Final Draft!*) Generally, a slide should have no more than 25 or 30 words, and the text should be big enough that it can be clearly read by everyone in the audience when the presentation is projected on the screen at the front of the classroom. Bullet points are good, but be consistent: If you are going to write complete sentences after each bullet, capitalize and punctuate properly. If you are *not* going to write complete sentences after each bullet, do *not* punctuate them like they are sentences. The presentation should include at least four (4) appropriate graphics.

1. Title Slide
 - a. Title of book
 - b. Date
 - c. Your name
 - d. Appropriate graphic of your choice
2. About the Book
 - a. Title (yes, again)
 - b. Author
 - c. City and Date of Publication
 - d. Number of Pages
 - e. Appropriate graphic of your choice
3. Setting
 - a. Where
 - b. When
4. Main Characters
 - a. Protagonists (Hero/Heroine)
 - b. Antagonists (Villain)
5. Main Conflict
 - a. What's the problem?
 - b. How does it develop?
6. Plot: What happened? Summarize the essentials...very briefly! (No more than about 30 words per slide, but you can use more than one slide if you need to.)
7. Theme: What statement about life does the book make and how is it supported? Remember, a theme is stated as a complete sentence. It does not give advice, identify right or wrong, or use the word *should*. A theme is just a simple statement about the way things are that the book supports. (Example: Many people would say that a theme of *Jurassic Park* would be "Don't fool with nature," but this gives advice, so it is not actually a theme statement. A better way to state it would be like this: "Those who tamper with nature are often destroyed by it." In *Jurassic Park*, this theme is supported because many of the people who tamper with nature to bring dinosaurs back to life end up being eaten by those dinosaurs.)
8. Review of the Book: Did you like it? Why or why not? What rating would you give it? To whom would you recommend the book?
9. Conclusion Slide: Credits, Sources, etc.

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