English 9 – Mrs. Clay Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Book Talk – Your Choice of Genre Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block 2B

* A **Book Talk** is when you share your reactions to what you have read with others. For this assignment, you may choose a grade level-appropriate book within ANY genre: fiction, non-fiction, drama, poetry, or folklore. Your objective will be to advertise the book as an example of a particular genre.
* We will be going to the library on Monday, November 24th for you to hear the librarians give a short presentation on Book Talks. At that time, you will have the opportunity to check out books for this assignment.
* You may choose to present your book talk to the class on either **Tuesday, December 16th or Thursday, December 18th.** This book talk will consist of both a written and a visual/digital component.
* You may use notes to give your book talk; however, you will be expected to make eye contact and address the whole class. The book talk should be 2-5 minutes long, and you should rehearse for a friend or family member before presenting in class.
* Your written work as well as your visual aid should be in final draft form (handwritten or typed) and handed in for evaluation after your presentation.
* Very little class time will be allotted for reading your book, so plan to read the book on your own time. Before the due date, you will have portions of four blocks to work on the visual/digital presentation. If you choose to do a digital presentation rather than a traditional poster, please use a flash drive to save your work rather than SharePoint for minimal set-up time.
* Book Talk & Written Notes 50 points

Visual or Digital Presentation 25 points

Extra credit may be awarded for outstanding effort, artwork, or creativity! ☺

**For your Book Talk, prepare these elements in your written notes:**

1. the title and the author of the book as well as the year it was published (please include whether the book is part of a larger series or if the author has written anything else like it) (3 points)
2. the genre AND subgenre of the book with a well-written explanation of why your book falls into that subgenre – if it falls into more than one category, include that! (10 points)
3. a summary of the book that does not reveal the ending (about 100 words) – Be careful to write **in your own words** and PROOFREAD your work! You should give enough details about the book to interest listeners without ruining their possible experience with reading it. (10 points)
4. two short passages and one longer passage from your book – As you read each one to us (with practiced expression, pronunciation, and confidence), tell why you choose each passage. The purpose is to grab the audience’s interest, give a feel for the way the writer writes, and make each listener want to read the book. (15 points)
5. an explanation of why you chose your book from all other books for this assignment – what made it the most appealing? (3 points)
6. your rating of the book on a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the best) with a well-written explanation of your choice (3 points)
7. your recommendation – who would like this book? (Consider phrasing it this way: People who like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would probably like this book.) (3 points)

**On your BOOK TALK visual or digital presentation, include these elements:**

* the title and the author of the book (up to 3 points)
* the genre AND subgenre of the book (up to 3 points)
* a summary of the book that **does not** reveal the ending (up to 3 points)
* two short passages and one longer passage from your book (up to 3 points)
* at least 5 pictures or graphics related to the book (up to 10 points)
* visual appeal (neatness, color, organization) (up to 3 points)
* You may choose to create your visual aid on poster board or a display board.
* You may choose to create your visual aid using PowerPoint, Prezi, or any other digital presentation program accessible from school. Save your presentation on a flash drive and place it in a plastic Ziploc bag with your name on it prior to turning it in.
* Regardless of its form, your visual aid should be NEAT, colorful, organized, and proofread for errors.