

Fourth Quarter – Book Review – Presentation

Required Time: 2 minutes minimum

Book Length: 200 pages minimum

This report needs to be prepared. Do not prepare to stand up and ramble your way through this. Numbers will be drawn to determine the order of presenters.

PowerPoints, posters, and visual aids are encouraged. The more interactive and entertaining you make this to the audience, the better your grade will be. Be sure to fill your book review with the following criteria.

1. Introduce your book and author.

“Hello there! Glad you could join me. Today I am going to inform you about Stephen King’s latest novel *The Green Mile*. In my opinion, it the greatest book of the decade! ETC.”

2. Provide background information about the author and his or her work.

“I am be a little biased since I have been reading Stephen King novels and short stories since I could read, but I assure you that I would not mislead you about such an important book. My favorite author lives in Maine and was recently run down by some misfit driving a van. He spent all last fall recovering from his injuries. But it did not stop him from writing. ETC”

3. Inform your audience about the kind of book it is and summarize it.

“Stephen King, the ‘king’ of science fiction writing, has cranked out another classic about the mysterious powers of a gigantic prisoner on death row in the early 1900’s. Although King added nothing supernatural to his story, which spawned the movie *Shawshank Redemption*, he did give his main character in *The Green Mile* healing powers. ETC”

4. Describe the strengths of the book and provide examples to support this.

“Besides the plot, the strongest aspect of *The Green Mile* is the characters. Paul, the head prison guard of cellblock E, is absolutely lovable, even though his job is to put men to death. Jon Coffey, the new giant-like prisoner, made me want to cry every time he opened his mouth, which was not very often. While Percy, the scumbag prison guard with no respect for anyone, will make you want to reach into the book and choke him. From the boss’ wife with a brain tumor to the nauseating Billy the Kid, every character in the novel is memorable. ETC”

5. Describe the weaknesses of the book and provide examples to support this.

“Obviously I didn’t find too much wrong with *The Green Mile*, but I would say that the biggest weakness was spending too much time with each of the prisoners. I wanted to know their history, but I didn’t want to know their family trees and so many details. ETC”

6. Should your audience read this? Why or why not?

“All in all, this book is worth the read. Stephen King is a master of suspense. The characters are worth getting to know. The plot is inspiring. The ending is incredible. My advice? Read this book and then see the movie. Both are worth the time and money. Thank you.”

Name: _____

Book: _____

Oral Book Review Rubric

	Excellent 6-5	Average 4-2	Below Average 1-0
Introduction	Creative and interesting introduction to book and author	States book and author Lacks creativity Not interesting	No introduction or only a partial introduction
Author Background	Background information provided Interesting and creative	Background information provided Lacks creativity and interest	Little or no background information provided Lacks creativity and effort
Book Type and Summary	Book type mentioned Excellent summary of story Very creative	Book type mentioned Not enough detail in summary	Book type not mentioned Summary lacks a great deal of detail
Strengths	Strengths were mentioned and covered in great detail	Strengths were mentioned but not covered in enough detail	Strengths not covered
Weaknesses	Weaknesses presented and covered in great detail	Weaknesses presented but not covered in enough detail	Weakness not mentioned
Recommendation	Recommendation given and supported	Recommendation given, but not much support	Recommendation given with no support
Presentation	Clear, interesting and easily understood	Clear and understandable most of the time	Unable to follow large portions of the presentation
Length	At least two minutes	Between 1-2 minutes	Less than 1 minute
Preparation	Effort obvious	Some effort obvious	Needs more effort

