**Book Talk Grade 8 Due Date: Dec. 17th (8P2)/18th (8E)**

1. Show the cover of the novel to the class.
2. Tell us the title and the author’s name.
3. Give us a short synopsis (brief summary) of the novel (no spoilers).
4. Introduce the main characters and provide an adjective (describing word) for each.
5. Answer the following questions about the book:

- Would you recommend this book, why or why not?

- Give one connection that you had while reading (T-T, T-W or T-S)

- What was one question you asked yourself while reading?

1. Read a short passage from the novel. Make sure it doesn’t give away too much of the plot, but will entice your classmates to want to read it. Explain why you chose this passage.

**Rubric** 5 3 1

Criteria

Content – Plot is summarized, without giving away

the ending, and the main characters are introduced

with adjectives. The three questions are answered,

with examples and/or evidence form the book.

Passage – Appropriate passage is read to the class with

enthusiasm and expression. Passage leaves us wanting

more; it gives us a taste without giving away too much.

Student explains why the passage was chosen.

Delivery – Student speaks clearly and with enthusiasm.

Eye contact is made and there is little dependence on notes.

PowerPoint – is effective. Font is clear and there are no

spelling mistakes. Background colour contrasts nicely

with font. Transitions are effective and don’t distract.

GUMS (grammar, usage, mechanics, spelling)

is used for hand written book talks.