**Book Talk Tips (3 minute book talk!)**

* tell the title and author of the book
* have the book with you to show
* what genre would this book fit into? **Why**?
* Who would like this book? **Why**?
* What books are similar to it? **How so?**
* Why did you like the book?
  + Lots of action? Could you relate to the characters or situations? New topic to you? You like this genre? It’s different, etc
* Give a BRIEF summary of main events
* Describe the characters
  + What are they like without telling all of their actions in the book?
* Don’t give away the ending!!!
* What would you rate this book? **Why**?
  + Adventure? Gossip/Lies? Mystery? Romance? Overall?
* Read a short section
  + Tell why you picked it and explain what the section is about

**Story Map**

- **setting** – when and where the book takes place

- **main characters** – list 3 traits for each character with an example

- **conflict** – the main problem in the book

- **resolution** – how the conflict is solved

- **theme** - one of the main ideas or topics covered in the book and 3-4 sentences to describe the theme

* + **theme examples**: honesty, betrayal, friendship, war, family

- ALL PARTS OF THE STORY MAP MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES, FREE OF SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION ERRORS AND NEATLY TYPED OR WRITTEN IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.