**Pleasure Read “Book Talk” Presentation Activity**

**Things to Include in Your Book Talk**

* Tell us the **title**, the name of the **author,** and the **genre.** (e.g. fantasy, mystery, realistic fiction, essay collection, poetry, etc.)
* Do some research on the author and tell us about other books he/she has written. (There may be some information on the book cover.)
* Tell us about the **setting**. Where and when does the story take place?
* Who is the main **character** in your book? Describe him/her. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the character? Does the character seem developed enough? (Provide evidence.)
* Identify a **conflict** or struggle that the character has to overcome.
* Share some story details but don’t give away too much of the **plot**.
* What is the **mood** of this novel: funny, sad, exciting?
* What is a **theme** for the novel? (The central idea or lesson about life that the author wants to know. This is expressed as a complete statement.)
* **NOTE: If you are reading a collection of essays or poetry or a play, you will have to modify the questions about literary elements.**
* Why did you like it? What do you remember most about the book?
* Include at least two passages from your book that address two or more of the elements we’ve studied (description, voice, character, setting, dialogue, plot): an interesting quotation, a piece of good description or a memorable line or paragraph.
* Who would you recommend read this book and why?
* What elements can a creative writer study to include in his/her work?

You will create a presentation using Photo Story, Movie Maker, or Power Point to share information about the book that might be useful to a creative writer. You must include the above elements in your presentation, adding color, graphics, fonts, sounds, and transitions to enhance the viewing experience.