

# *Tips for Creating* Digital BookTalk



## **Always:**

1. Never book talk a book you haven't read.
2. Don't ever give away any of the good parts.
3. Keep the booktalk short and exciting.
4. Use a cliff hanger when you can.
5. Always include the title and author.
6. Credit your sources.
7. Be creative, and make others want to read the book.

## **You Could:**

1. Read a part of the book (excerpt).
2. Share about the characters, part of the plot, and the setting.
3. Explain, for nonfiction books, the author's purpose, and intended audience.
4. Tell a bit about the author or other books by the same author.
5. Become one of the main characters in the book (first person).

## **Some Types:**

1. Still Images- use pictures and words to tell about the book: creatively combine images, on-screen text, voice narration, and music.
2. Live Action- Video yourself talking, or write a script and perform it on camera.
3. Mixed Media- you can combine photos, video clips, on-screen text, music and voice narration.

## **How to Create Your Own:**

1. Read the book first.
2. Choose your format. Be creative and come up with your own ideas for your booktalk, or pick a format from above.
3. Plan your booktalk: Make a storyboard that includes a script.
4. Collect your video, photos, music, including the source information for each.
5. Create your booktalk . Consider using Windows Movie Maker, Windows Photo Story, or Animoto.com.
6. Acknowledge your sources. Don't use copyrighted content, and credit those who give you permission to use their work.
7. Allow time to revise and edit: replace blurred images or find a more fitting one, rewrite parts of script that are confusing or need tweaking, re-record fuzzy voice narration, adjust timings.
8. Publish your finished booktalk, and ask the world to comment and give you feedback. Consider publishing it to your blog, a class wiki, or submitting to online contests or websites.