**V5 BOOK PRESENTATION**

Earlier this year, you read a book and talked about it with your classmates. In your video you discussed the characters, the setting, the timeline or the themes. Now, you are going to read a second book. This time, you will dig a bit deeper while practising your presentation skills at the same time.

The aim of the book presentation is to show that you

* can comprehend the book and apply that knowledge in a constructive way
* can convey information to an audience that you will inform, inspire, entertain or persuade. (The best presentations, of course, do all four!)
* can present your findings in (mostly) correct English

**Assignment**

1. Choose a partner. You will work together to prepare a 6 -minute presentation, to be delivered in week 11. (minimum 5 – maximum 7)
2. Read the book your teacher gives you.
3. Discuss the book with your partner. Use the worksheets you used earlier this year.
4. Pick one aspect to focus on, e.g.

* Characters and character development
* Theme(s)
* The writer’s message / what the book has taught you (has it given you insight into other people’s lives, broadened your world view, influenced your thoughts on political or social issues?)
* Symbolism
* Etc.

As long as it is clear that you have read the book and have given it a lot of thought, you are free to make this presentation your own. When you are not sure about your approach, ask your teacher.

Mind you: we do not want you to present a book review and we definitely do not want you to summarize the story (since we will all have read it). This is to be an in-depth presentation of one aspect of the book.

1. Prepare your presentation.

**The presentation**

Design an effective introduction

*Attract the attention* of your audience in your introduction. Think of a way to get them interested. How? Perhaps you can ask a provocative question? Describe a scene or character from the book? Explain your own interest in the book? Tell your listeners what the topic of your presentation has to do with them?

*Focus* your presentation. State your goal or the questions you started with. Tell your listeners what they will learn.

*Preview* what’s to follow—your points, your approach, or the type of content.

Guide your audience

Organize the information. Help your audience follow your line of thought by using linking words (‘In the first place…’, ‘On the one/other hand,..’). They tell your audience where they are in the presentation and flag what is important to note or remember. Changes in body position, gestures, and voice can help listeners recognize a transition from one point to the next.

You can use visuals, such as a PowerPoint or Prezi if you like.

Design an effective conclusion

*Summarize and refocus****.***Recap the main points or arguments you’ve covered. Reinforce what’s important for the audience to take away from your presentation.

*Close.* Refer back to the opening message or end with a memorable quote. In any case, your closing words should make it very clear that it's the end of the presentation.

If the applause isn't forthcoming, stand confidently and wait. Don't fidget and certainly don't eke out a half-hearted, 'That was our presentation'.

**How to deliver the presentation**

* Have confident body language
* Make eye-contact
* Avoid distracting behaviour
* Take your time
* Speak clearly
* Engage your audience (by using visuals or asking questions)
* Know your visuals (don’t look at the screen)
* Practise!!!