

PECHA KUCHA BOOK TALK
A century of books, a century of tech
or
Ye olde bookes and ye moderne technology
Mini English 12, Term 2 Independent Reading

BACKGROUND: BOOK TALK

A book talk is a short presentation about a book with the goal of convincing other people to read it. A book talk not a formal book report or review; it is more persuasive than expository—think of your Twitter pitch last year. In a book talk, your goal is to engage your listener and to present an exciting, and even suspenseful, representation of your book. A book talk could highlight the plot, focus on a character, or recreate a book’s mood to ignite readers’ curiosity.

TASK

Using Pecha Kucha format (20 slides at 20 seconds each), present a book talk on your independent reading selection for this term.

ELEMENTS TO INCLUDE

As you prepare your Pecha Kucha, consider including the following elements. This list is neither exhaustive nor prescriptive; rather, it is a series of suggestions meant to guide you as you prepare.

- **Background:** why you chose your book.
- **Historical context:** a bit about the history, context, historical circumstances of its publication and reception—how does the book’s history inform your understanding? How was the book been received? How has its reception or our understanding of it changed over the century?
- **Accessibility:** was it a reasonable read? Was background knowledge required? Were there impediments to understanding?
- **The Nitty Gritty:** brief outline of plot, characters, themes. Avoid spoilers—you want your listener to pick up the book.
- **The Author’s Craft:** what themes are evident, what strategies or literary devices were used?
- **Enduring Popularity:** Why has this book endured? What about it still speaks to us?
- **Recommendation:** What kind of reader would like this book? Would you recommend it? Did you enjoy it?

Your presentations begin on February 26th.