

Oral Book Report

1. Have an interesting opening.

- a) Avoid phrases like “this book is about”, or “the title of my book is”, etc.
- b) Include the author’s name and the book title in your introductory comments.
- c) Hook your audience. Draw them into your talk. Here are some possibilities:
 - * Read an exciting quote
 - * Refer to an interesting part
 - * Ask them a question
 - * Reveal a startling fact about the book or author
 - * Tell a personal story

2. Have the body of your report:

- a) Use brief phrases or single words that will bring to mind specific points of reference you want to include rather than lengthy quotes.
- b) Try an outline form – use index cards. Make certain all the information you want to cover is in chronological order. Don’t skip around and **don’t** read your report word for word.

3. Have a specific conclusion to your report.

- a) Don’t drop it by saying, “If you want to know the end, read the book, pal”. You don’t need to fill in all the information of the book for the audience; just make it interesting so they want to read it.
- b) Conclude your speech. Here are some possibilities:
 - * Read a quotation
 - * Echo something said in your introduction
 - * Make a wish
 - * Call for action
- c) Avoid saying “Thank you”

