

Book Report (Create Summary)

LANGUAGE ARTS



Overview

Students create an animated summary of a book they've read, demonstrating comprehension while practicing summary writing and presentation skills.

Steps for Teachers

1. Students select and read a book appropriate for their level
2. Students identify the main characters, setting, problem, and solution
3. Students write a script that summarizes the book without spoiling the ending
4. Students select characters that match or represent the book's characters
5. Students choose backgrounds that represent key settings in the book
6. Students record their summary, including a recommendation at the end
7. Share videos in a 'book recommendation' session to inspire peer reading

Example

A student summarizes 'Charlotte's Web': Characters representing Wilbur and Charlotte appear in a barn. 'This is Wilbur, a pig who was almost the runt of the litter. And this is Charlotte, a very special spider. When Wilbur learns he might become bacon, Charlotte comes up with an amazing plan involving her web. Will it work? You'll have to read it to find out! I give this book 5 stars because it taught me about true friendship.'

Grading Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Proficient	Developing
Comprehension	Accurately captures main plot, characters, and themes	Covers main elements with minor omissions	Missing key elements or contains inaccuracies
Summary Skills	Concise yet complete; doesn't include unnecessary details	Good length with mostly relevant information	Too long, too short, or includes irrelevant details
Engagement	Makes viewers want to read the book without spoilers	Generates some interest in the book	Fails to interest viewers or gives away too much
Personal Response	Thoughtful recommendation with specific reasons	Includes recommendation with some reasoning	No recommendation or unsupported opinion