INFORMAL ORAL BOOK REPORT GUIDELINES

The purpose of the outside reading portion of the course is to develop reading fluency and enjoyment.

CHOOSING BOOKS:
You are generally allowed to choose what you would like to read, though instructors reserve the right to veto a particular book. Do not read more than two books by the same author and be careful not to select books for which you've already seen the movie version. In movies the stories are always changed and differences can be very confusing.

READING:
♦ Reading a book means understanding it. If the book puts you to sleep or is not making sense, see your instructor about changing books!

♦ You must read the entire book. Skimming any portion of the book, or not completing it, will result in not having a complete understanding of the book and no credit will be given.

♦ Begin reading your book the day you check it out. Not only will this ensure that you get a good start to complete the book by your due date, but it will also allow you to change books if you decide you do not like the book you have chosen.

♦ Improving your reading skills takes daily practice. It is best to read a little of your book every day rather than trying to cram it in a few days.

REPORTING:
The report consists of a 5-10 minute conversation about the book with an instructor. You should be able to demonstrate your understanding by telling him/her about the story and the main characters. Summarization is a skill that is important and encouraged.

♦ You must bring the book you have read and the next book you are going to read to your book report.

♦ Book reports are to be given on the due date. You may give your report the day following the due date once during the semester. This is called a “day of risk.” You will receive ONE “day of risk” for the semester.

♦ Do not miss class because you are not ready to give a book report on your due date. It is better to tell us that you have not completed the book and use your day of risk or not receive credit than to have an absence. Only in the case of an excused absence (as determined by the instructor), will you be allowed to give your book report on the day you return to class.

I understand the guidelines above and agree that I will only present reports on books that I have read completely and with understanding.

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Student’s Signature                      Date

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