

Bookworms, Bookshelves and Book Chats:

*Implementing a Student-Centered Book Club at Your
School*



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What makes children want to read?

<p>Intrinsic Motivation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Involvement (the experience of “getting lost in a book”)❖ Curiosity (interest in a subject)❖ Preference for challenge (seeking to figure something out)	<p>Extrinsic Motivation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Recognition (awards, prizes, etc)❖ Grades❖ Compliance❖ Competition
<p>Self-efficacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Belief by the student that s/he can be successful at reading so that s/he approaches books with confidence	<p>Social Interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Sharing with friends and family through discussion, shared writing, etc.

Location, Location, Location

Location is important however, it is key to select a location (on or off) your campus that is easily accessible for all participants.

School settings may include the Media Center, a teacher's classroom, a small conference area, or picnic area outside of the building. Off campus locations are limitless depending on funding, and community support. Speak to your local bookstore to see if it is possible to set aside a small area of their café for your discussion to take place. Think of asking local restaurants if they would allow you to host a book discussion.



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These are some general topic guidelines. Bear in mind these are very general - each book will have specific issues that will leap out at you.

Subject	What is the book about?, Why did the author choose this?
Plot	Does it work? Too simple or complicated? Resolved or unresolved? Time frame? Is the ending satisfying or not? Why?
Characters	Single or many? Well developed or simple? How did you feel about the characters? How does the author use the characters to tell the story? Who was your favorite, who was your least favorite?
Point of View	How was the story told? One voice or many? In the first person - "I" - or a distant narrator's voice? How did the voice influence the tone of the story?
Setting	Where and when? Is the setting important to the story? Is it evoked well? Realistic? Or not? Does it matter?
Themes	What are the major themes the author is trying to explore?
Style	What is the author's style of writing? I.e. descriptive, lyrical, forceful, emotive, spare, blunt, humorous, wordy. Does the style work for you or not?
Reviews	Find some critics opinions of the books and discuss whether you agree or disagree.
Connections	Connect the book with your life. Can you see your own experiences reflected in the themes, setting, or characters? How about those of friends, family, the school, the community, or the present or past world?
Enjoyment	Was reading this book enjoyable or hard work? Why? What do you think the author wanted you to feel or think?

*Enjoy! Above all have fun and enjoy the company of fellow book lovers!
Reading should never be a chore.*

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Book Club Survey

Information sheet for students to complete prior to receiving the book to read.

Name: _____

- Senior
- Junior
- Sophomore
- Freshman

What kind of books do you like to read?

Do you know anything about this book?

Do you have time to read this book before the lunch date?

What was the last book(s) you read?

Have you ever participated in a book club? If yes, what did you like or dislike about the book club?

- Lunch A
- Lunch B

Subject	Teacher

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**Your School's Name
Book Chat**

Dear _____,

You are cordially invited to participate in the **(Your School's Name)** Book discussion of **title of book** by **author**. We will discuss the book on **date** at **time** in **location**. Please be sure to have your book with you.

Some tips to a great discussion.....

Mark the selections you would like to share with the group because they are puzzling, revealing, controversial or interesting in some way.

Use a post-it or other bookmark to remember the pages or write the page numbers down.

Ask tough questions of yourself and the book. Write the questions down.

Connect the book with your life. Can you see your own experiences reflected in the themes, setting, or characters? Do the characters seem real and believable? Can you relate to their predicaments? To what extent do they remind you of yourself or someone you know?

Looking forward to our discussion!

Ms. Ward-Lozin
Reading Coach

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These passes should be given to students prior to the discussion.

 <p>Book Club Pass Student: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Room: _____ Signature: _____</p>	 <p>Book Club Pass Student: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Room: _____ Signature: _____</p>
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Thank you for participating in the _____ book discussion. Please answer the questions below (use the back if necessary). Kindly return the questionnaire to _____.

1. Which book discussion did you take part of (please write the name of the book below)?
2. What part of the discussion will you remember most?
3. Did any part of the discussion surprise you? Please explain what happened.
4. Do you see yourself participating in a future book discussion? Why or why not?
5. What advice would you give a friend that is thinking about participating in a book discussion?
6. How can the Book Chat improve for next school year?

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Thank you for completing the questionnaire!

Booklist

Title	Author	Suggested Grade Level
The Five People You Meet in Heaven	Mitch Albom	High School
Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	High School
It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life	Lance Armstrong	High School
Trino's Choice	Diane Gonzales Bertrand	Middle School
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Ann Brashares	Middle School
The Pinballs	Betsy Byars	Middle School
Don't Sweat The Small Stuff for Teens	Richard Carlson, Ph.D	
Gifted Hands	Ben Carson	High School
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros	High School
Sahara Special	Esme Raji Codell	
Code Orange	Caroline Cooney	High School
Both Sides of Time	Caroline Cooney	Middle School
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens	Sean Covey	
The Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman	Middle School
Copper Sun	Sharon Draper	High School
Double Dutch	Sharon Draper	Middle School
The Memory Keeper's Daughter	Kim Edwards	High School
Overboard	Elizabeth Fama	Middle School
After the Death of Anna Gonzales	Terri Fields	High School
Who Am I Without Him?	Sharon G. Flake	High School
Keesha's House	Helen Frost	High School
Breathing Underwater	Alex Flinn	High School
Girl Named Disaster	Nancy Farmer	High School
Dark Sons	Nikki Grimes	High School
The Bronx Masquerade	Nikki Grimes	High School
Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey	Margaret Peterson Haddix	High School
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse	Middle School
Crank	Ellen Hopkins	High School
Impulse	Ellen Hopkins	High School
The First Part Last	Angela Johnson	High School

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Tears for Water: Songbook of Poems and Lyrics	Alicia Keys	High School
The Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk Kidd	High School
Silent to the Bone	E.L. Konigsburg	Middle School
Son of the Mob	Gordon Korman	High School
The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream	George Jenkins, Sampson Davis, and Rameck Hunt	High School
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine	Middle School
Cut	Patricia McCormick	High School
Twilight	Stephanie Meyer	High School
The Boy Who Spoke Dog	Clay Morgan	Middle School
Handbook for Boys	Walter Dean Myers	High School
Monster	Walter Dean Myers	High School
The Fear Place	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Middle School
Big Mouth and Ugly Girl	Joyce Carol Oates	High School
Eragon	Christopher Paolini	Middle School
Drinking Coffee Elsewhere	Z.Z. Packer	High School
The Teacher's Funeral	Richard Peck	Middle School
Life as We Knew It	Susan Beth Pfeffer	Middle School
My Sister's Keeper	Jodi Picoult	High School
Witch Child	Celia Rees	Middle School
Becoming Naomi Leon	Pam Munoz Ryan	Middle School
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	Middle School
The Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold	High School
The Rose That Grew From Concrete	Tupac Shakur	High School
A Bend in the Road	Nicholas Sparks	Middle School
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	Middle School
Uglies	Scott Westerfeld	Middle School
Miracle's Boys	Jacqueline Woodson	Middle School
Rite of Passage	Richard Wright	High School

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