

Presentation Guidelines (Novel)

After reading your novel, you will complete a 25-minute presentation with either PowerPoint; Google slides; Prezi; or Canva that contains at least one slide for each of the following:

- A) Brief biography of the author (2-3 sentences or 4-5 bulleted points)
- B) Historical information about the time period to the publication; this could point to the author's rationale for creating the literary work
- C) A short summary of the novel (do not retell the entire story) You can use a plot diagram to share a general understanding. Consider the jacket of a novel; 8-10 sentences maximum.
- D) Explanation of symbols and motifs <http://literarydevices.net/motif>. Use this link to understand the difference between the two (ex. *In Their Eyes Were Watching God*, the pear tree is a motif that Hurston uses to reveal Janie's evolution as a woman, while the overalls that she is wearing when she returns to town are symbolic of the simple lifestyle to which she had become accustomed and which seemed to make her happiest)
- E) Explanation of the author's style (diction, voice, tone...) with two examples that demonstrate it (excerpts from the novel)
- F) Names of major characters (five maximum), a thorough description of their personality, character, values, beliefs, roles in the story, how do they impact the story and influence the plot; and an evaluation of their significance

- G) Three passages which you feel are poignant or pivotal and an assessment of their significance
- H) Three examples of figurative language from the text (Include excerpts for the work)
- I) Explanation of the point of view
- J) At least two possible themes from the story (Explain fully)
- K) What was the author's tone?