**Free Reading Requirements**

Students will be required to free read 3 books per quarter (free reading refers to reading done outside of the classroom and does not include any novel or short story assigned in class). Each student MUST complete a book-talk or message board post for each book that they read (they will do either a combination of two book-talks and one message board post or one book talk and two message board posts). Students will also be expected to respond to other students’ posts on the message board at least twice per quarter. Whether doing the book talk or posting to the message board, they must include the following:

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|  | 1. An interesting hook (a hook grabs the attention of the listener) that reveals the title and author of the book. |
|  | 1. A thorough and vivid description of the setting and main characters. |
|  | 1. The main themes of the story |
|  | 1. A summary of an exciting part of the story without revealing the ending. |
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|  | 1. Leave your listeners with a reason for checking out the book (include a restatement of the title and author if doing a book-talk) |
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