**Booktalk Assignment Guidelines, gr. 7 winter term 2018**

**Historical Fiction related to war or the need to flee**

**My presentation date: circle: Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20**

This asst. is in THREE PARTS. One, reading the book. Two, writing a paper. Three, reading your paper.

Be careful with spoilers. One the one hand, we know outcomes of certain wars or historical time periods. But on the other hand, we don’t know what happens to the characters in your book. Use your judgement. Find the balance between showing you clearly know the book well and trying to hook your audience so that they’ll want to read it.

**Questions to consider: (include them all)**

* What is the title of your book, who wrote it, and when was it published?
* *What is the historical context for your novel?* You will have to look up information from non-fictional sources to ensure that you understand your time period and place. The first paragraph of your paper should be a summary of this. Make sure to give a citation in a bibliography at the end of your paper showing where you learned this information.
* What is the basic plot? (Do NOT summarize the entire book, but give the “gist” of it.) *How does it relate to our year-long look at human rights and social justice?*
* What did you like the most about this book?
* Would you recommend it to others? Whom would you suggest read it? *Why is it important to read historical fiction, or what do you think one can gain from reading historical fiction?*
* Include a significant quote or passage and explain your choice.

**You will be graded as follows:**

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| **ORAL PRES- read your paper: 20 project points** |
| Presentation style, including vocal clarity, projection, articulation of words, vocabulary pronunciation, modulation of voice, eye-contact, minimal “ums”: |
| **PAPER—hand it in: 20 writing points** |
| **Graded on 6 traits.** Likely your paper will need to be 2-3 pages to convey your thoughts.  A= excellent/outstanding, B=good or very good, C=needs significant improvement, D= does not meet expectations in general |

This is your rubric; hand it in to me when you give your book talk/poster please. Lost rubric= lost point.