

A4: My Book in a Box – Guidelines

You will need:

- an empty box, e.g. a shoe box
- material to decorate the outside of your box (e.g. gift wrap)
- coloured pencils, markers or crayons, scissors, glue, index cards
- small objects which have a connection to your book (see instructions below)

Instructions

- **The outside:** Decorate the outside of the box to show some important elements or themes found in your book. Write the title of your book and the author's name on the lid of the box.
- **The lid:** Give a summary of the main events of the story (present tense). Remember to give information about the plot and the characters without giving away the ending! Add a personal comment, e.g. what you liked or disliked about the book, if you would recommend it or not and why. Do this on a sheet of paper. Glue the summary and your comment to the inside of the lid.
- **The inside:**
Fill the box with objects related to the book. Include five to seven things that have a connection to the story, e.g. for Harry Potter you could put in a small magic wand. For each object write down a short explanation on an index card and refer to pages in your book or use quotations from the book. Write down your favourite quotation on an index card.
Write down two new (important) words and refer to the pages in your book.

How to present your book

Before the presentation

- Prepare notes. Jot down on index cards what you want to tell your classmates.
- Practise your presentation at home or together with a partner/one of your classmates.
- Remember the rules for a good presentation: look at your audience, speak slowly and clearly. Present, don't read!!!

The presentation (3 – 5 minutes)

- Use your box to present your book to your classmates.
- State the title and the name of the author and explain why you decorated the outside of the box the way you did. You can also explain the decorations later when you show the objects.
- Tell your classmates what your book is about and how you liked it.
- Show the objects one by one and explain why you chose them.
- Talk about your favourite quotation and the new words.