

Challenged Book Group Presentation - Scoring Rubric

Students: _____

Book: _____ Author: _____

Date of Presentation _____

The purpose of your group presentation which either persuades the school board to ban or not ban a Challenged Book is to:

- Summarize your book’s setting, characters, and plot for the class (playing the role of a school board)
- Explain book banning in general, with various viewpoints. Cite specific examples of when your book has been challenged, the biases and/or errors evident in those examples, and the results of the challenges
- Take a committee position that answers the questions: What action should the School Board take regarding the proposal to ban this book from its schools? and Why?
- Demonstrate cooperation, effective communication, and positive group dynamics.

Your Challenged Book Group Presentation is worth 50 total points – all group members will earn the same score. Projects that earn the highest value for each criterion will reflect an understanding of the book and of book banning issues, present and support a logical argument for or against banning your book, include all group members, and show college-level communication skills.

Criterion	Available Points	Your Points	Comments
Setting & background of the book	10		
Character profiles	10		
Plot summary	10		
The arguments for or against banning the book with reasoned dismissal or acceptance of opposing viewpoints	10		
Your conclusion with logical reasoning	10		
Total	50		