

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Group Presentations

Guidelines:

1. Each Literature Circle will give an oral presentation of the novel *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* in class on Thursday, December 6, 2012.
2. There will be a 12 minute time limit per group for their presentation.
3. Each group will prepare a visual board in class. The board should contain the following:
 - **A plot structure diagram** (Freytag's Triangle) which labels the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and denouement (resolution) of the book. *This should include specifics from the book.* Label aspects of the exposition. List elements of the rising action- -indicate conflicts within the story. What was the climax? Label this on the diagram. List aspects of the falling action—key events that take place after the climax. How did the story end? Label this as the denouement. These should all be short and concise descriptions.
 - **Literature Circle work completed by each group member**- Discussion Director, Illustrator, Language Lover and Vocabulary Vulture. Group members are encouraged to be *as creative as possible* as they consider how they will present their work on (or in front of) the display board **and** to the judges.
4. There will be a panel of judges who will evaluate each presentation based on this criteria:
 - Above guidelines have been met.
 - Group demonstrates teamwork which is evident through a shared and balanced workload **AND** full participation in the oral presentation (meaning EVERY group member has an opportunity to speak during the presentation. It **should not** be just one or two members doing ALL of the talking about the book.)
5. Group members are expected to work together as they plan **HOW** they will complete their presentation in an orderly and interesting manner. There will be one class period after the Thanksgiving break devoted to practicing the presentations.
6. Each student should dress "professionally" on the day of the presentation. No jeans, t-shirts or uniform shirts. Khakis or dark pants, collared shirt and tie (optional) for the boys. Khakis, slacks, skirt or dress for the girls. Hair neat and pulled away from your eyes.