

Remarks:

The rules of book slam are based on the event format of poetry slam: a very short presentation that is judged by members of the audience.

Variants:

Book slams can be optimally staged in cooperation with regular classroom instruction. That means that they will be conducted bilingually of course. Events like parents' evenings or in conjunction with partner classes are also an excellent framework for book slams.

# 17 "Book Dating"

## Goal

*The students must summarize the content of a book or another text as succinctly as possible and present the content to the person facing them in at most four to five minutes. The other students learn about exciting books and articles from the short presentations, also receive reading recommendations and thus can be animated to read certain books or texts.*

4<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> grade

60–90 minutes



Materials:  
various books, including non-fiction,  
books of poetry, magazines, etc.),  
stop watch.

Procedure:

- Preparation

Following the instructor's explanation of the term and the project, each student decides on a book or a text. The content is then quickly summarized (either in writing with a few keywords) as a memory aid for the presentation. A list is created as to who will present which book or text. This preparation can also be assigned as a homework assignment.

- Implementation

The class is divided into two groups. One half tells the story, the other half listens. The narrators are distributed at different tables in the room. The listeners may sit for 5 minutes at an individual narrator's table during which time text content is discussed and questions may be answered. After 5 minutes, the listeners rotate to another table. The roles are reversed in a second round, so that all students get to listen and tell a story. In a final discussion, students briefly reflect on their experiences, and the examples and quality of particularly effective presentations are discussed and commented.

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About the term: "book dating" is a variation of the so-called "speed dating" concept. It is a method of organized partner search and dating agency, where two partners sit opposite each other for five minutes to chat about themselves. If there is mutual sympathy, the partners can meet again later. The object of book dating is to learn in five minutes as much as possible about a book, instead of a person, and to praise it, thus generating interest for it among the listeners.