

## Steps to write a speech

1. Introduce yourself
2. Introduce the novel and author
3. Give a brief introduction to the main character and a little background information (Introduce main characters as they come up in your writing)
4. Introduce the beginning points.
5. Talk about the main events in the middle of the story
6. Talk about the end of the story.
7. Introduce the theme/conflict and provide evidence
8. Talk about the setting and what it looks like
9. Introduce your amazing words and what they mean
10. Explain your favorite literary device
11. End with a conclusion.

### Miss Nissen's Book Report on Ten Thumb Sam

Hello, my name is Miss Nissen. I am presenting the novel Ten Thumb Sam written by Rachel Dunstan Muller. The story starts with a young awkward boy, named Sam Stringbini, searching for a circus act. He is searching for an act because his whole family is in the Triple Top Circus. Sam's plan of finding an act is interrupted when his Uncle Albert's family, the Goldfingers, show up because their circus was shut down. The Triple Top is thrown immediately into chaos due to the two large families coming together. As the families are working out their problems, Sam is framed for stealing his brother Martin's dishes. Next, the generator mysteriously breaks down and Uncle Albert's sand castle act is sabotaged. This is when his sister Annabel speculates that Sam is the person sabotaging the circus. Even Sam's father starts to suspect Sam after Martin is injured on his unicycle because someone loosened the screws on it. Sam becomes very frustrated, but his cousin Harriet helps him to investigate who may actually be sabotaging the circus. They discover a man in a grey suit looks very suspicious and been present for all of the sabotages. After two major fines, due to the safety net falling on the clowns and the cotton candy being tainted with alum crystals, the Triple Top circus has to consider shutting down or selling to a Mr. Beaverwick the owner of Circusenormicus. Sam and Harriet discover that Mr. Beaverwick is behind all of the sabotaging so they devise a plan to earn enough money to save the circus. After an attempting to lay a trap to catch Beaverwick, which actually failed, they finally unveil to the media what he has done to the Triple Top Circus. Once everything thing has calmed down, Sam and Harriet get an offer from their aunt to come live with her and go to school, which they do.

I believe that there were many themes in this novel but this one is the best. Determination and honesty help you to be successful with your goals. I believe that this is the best theme, because Sam and Harriet have to make the plan, be determined to follow through with the plan, and be honest with their families about how much work it will be to save the circus.

The conflict in the story is man vs. man. This is shown when Sam has to try to figure out who is sabotaging the circus. In the end Mr. Beaverwick was the person who had hired the man in the grey suit to sabotage their acts.

The setting of this novel changes many times because they are a traveling circus that is crossing Canada. The majority of the scenes take place in the Stringbini bus and Triple Top circus tent, but they also visit schools, public library, etc.

This novel had many exciting words in it including: wailed, another word for crying loudly, spectator, which is a person that watches an event, spewed, is a good word for spray and dismantled- to take apart

Lastly, I would like to share with you my favorite example of a Literary Device in writing. In the novel, Sam is sitting outside of the bus with his father in the early morning. They are discussing how crowded the bus is now that the Goldfingers have moved into the bus as well.

"It's crowded enough in there without Albert and his family on top of us. Especially Albert. Your uncle has an ego the size of a small country." This is one of my favorite examples of exaggeration. Sam's father is implying that uncle Albert thinks very highly of himself because his ego is very large. It isn't actually the size of a small country.

I hope you have enjoyed my book report on the novel Ten Thumb Sam. I really enjoyed reading this book because Sam showed perseverance and courage!

Thank you for listening. (5mins)

Your presentation needs to be between 4-7 mins long.

Remember you will be marked on:

- Enthusiasm and Elocution (pronouncing words correctly and loud enough to hear.)
- Organization: Your speech makes sense how it is written.