Sample Book Talk Outline

I.        Hook

A.   First paragraph of book

B.  Show cover, title, author

II.   Content

      A.  Summary

1.  Simon Glass = nerd

2.  Rob--senior transfer student, popular, decides to make Simon popular

3.  Simon becomes “cool.”

4.  Popular Simon not well received by Rob

5.  Simon uncovers a dark secret--results are fatal.

      B.  Gail Giles (author)

1.  Young Adult Author (seven novels)

2.  Wrote after substitute teaching and watching students interact

3.  Influenced by Lord of the Flies and The Great Gatsby

4.  Almost didn’t finish it--put it away for a year before coming back and finishing it

III.   Wrap Up

A. Read another short excerpt (cliffhanger)

B. If you like suspenseful novels

C. If Shattering Glass sounds interesting, all her novels are suspenseful

D.  Example:  What Happened to Cass McBride?--a girl buried alive