

Our book	
→ author, title, year of publication	Joyce Carol Oates; Big Mouth – Ugly Girl ; The 6th of May 2002 in the USA and 2003 in the U.K
→ summary of main events (setting, plot, characters) without revealing the ending!	<p><u>Setting & Plot</u></p> <p>Matt (Matthew Donaghy, who is one of the main characters has been accused of blowing up Rocky River High School). Ursulla Riggs, who is also one of the main characters, is an athletic person. In the first chapter of "Big mouth – Ugly girl" Matt is sitting in Room 220 at Rocky River High School with three of his friends. Suddenly two police officers come in and take him away. Matt does not know what will happen to him. He thinks that something had happened to his family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>characters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Matthew Donaghy – Ursula Riggs
→ themes (e. g. friendship, conflict with parents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems with friends • Ends in friendship & more on Ursula and Matthew • Bullying • Running amok • Love • Loyalty
→ prediction of the content of the novel	We think that the novel "Big mouth . Ugly Girl!" will take a dangerous turn because of the Matt's arrest in chapter 1. We also think, that the novel will have a happy end because we already read a bit of chapter two and there is a second character called Ursula and as a result of this we think that they perhaps fall in love at the end. This is a typical ending of a novel.

→ language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • level (easy – difficult, why?) very short sentences; you have to look up unknown vocabulary • style (interesting – boring, why?) • The beginning is very sluggish but after five chapters it is very interesting to read.
→ form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • page numbers: 273 • price: 6,49 Euro • annotations: “The richness and excitement of Oates novels lie in their hyper real description of modern life.” – Sunday Times
→ comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We like about the book: Good designed Cover Different characters collide and come together. • We dislike about the book: Too detailed in every part. • Recommendation (yes – no, why?): No, because we know better novels to read in class and getting this book to review was not our decision. [Teacher’s response: you almost had 10 weeks to hand in suggestions for classroom readers!]