

Book Review Assignment

Instructions: In order to demonstrate your understanding of the novel, you are going to write a one page book review, following the template instructions below. Your book review should demonstrate your understanding of the novel, give readers your opinion of the novel, be convincing, and grab reader's attention. Be interesting, Be creative, Be detailed. Show off your true understanding of the book.

Book Review Template for Middle School

- 1st Paragraph: Introduction: Introduce the book to readers in your first paragraph. – Begin with an opening sentence that grabs your audience's attention. You may choose to ask a question related to the theme or conflict of your novel, ask a what if question, begin with a quote from the novel, etc... Next, write about the setting, (where the story takes place, usually time and place). Introduce the main character or characters in the story. Ex. What are character's qualities, name, etc. Discuss what conflict/problem the main character faces in the story. If you're still having trouble starting, you can answer the questions who, what, when, where, and how.
- 2nd paragraph Summary: – Summarize what happens up until the high point of the story, (don't give away the ending, this should be just enough to tease the reading into wanting to get this book. Use some of these transition words to help you write you review.

first	also	because	another	second
between	next	as a result	consequently	finally
then	later	last	after that	for example
during	meanwhile	third	to start with	at the same time

- Opinion: Write a paragraph giving your opinion on the book. Use these guidelines. Write about why you like or dislike the book. Give details, for example: Was the book confusing? Was it too easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable/ believable? Did you like the ending? What was your favorite part? What connections did you make with your life or other books? Talk about the author's style of writing and give examples from the book. Min 5 sentences. Remember it is very important to back up your opinion with literary reasons and examples from the story itself.
- Recommendation: Explain whether you would recommend this book to student or not? Rate the book from 1 star to 5 stars, and give examples why you gave it the rating you did. Examples should include a quote or quotes from the book or a summary of the part of the book that you liked or did not like.
- Each paragraph must contains transition phrases that moves us from one paragraph to the next. It must also include examples and quotes from the novel to act as evidence/support.
- ❖ Remember that this assignment qualifies both as a report and a persuasive piece of writing. Your job is to describe the book to us and convince us whether or not it is worth reading. Your word choice is extremely important. You must choose interesting vocabulary words that persuade us that your opinion is accurate. Descriptive detail is also very important. If you want us to believe you, then you must sound like you are an expert on this novel.
- ❖ Published pieces of writing must be error free. It is very important to proof read and edit your work before you hand it in.