



## Reading University 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book Report

Write a **book report** using the writing prompts provided. Write in **paragraph form**. A paragraph is a group of sentences that tell about the same thing. The first sentence in each paragraph is called a **topic sentence**. Every other sentence in the paragraph must tell about the same thing as the topic sentence. This means that you will write a separate paragraph for each new idea.

Use **complete sentences**, correct **spelling**, correct **punctuation**, and correct **capitalization**. Don't forget to **write neatly in cursive**. Include the following paragraphs.

- **Begin with an introduction.** This lets others know what your summary will be about. *First, state the title of the book (underline it!) and the author's name. Next, write a one-sentence summary of what the book is about. Last, explain why you chose this book. For example, "I read Brave Norman by Andrew Clements. This book is about a dog that helps people. I chose this book because I have a dog like Norman."*
- **Describe the setting.** This is where and when the story takes place. It might be in a building or outside, or in an imaginary place. The time might be now or a long time ago. *Write about where and when the story takes place.*
- **Describe the main character(s).** Most stories have a main character and one or two others who are important. *Choose 1 or 2 important characters from this book and describe them. Write about what they look like, what they like to do, and how they act – silly, honest, smart? Describe some things that make the character(s) special.*
- **Write a summary (the important ideas) of the plot.** The plot tells what happens to the main character(s). Usually there is a problem to solve. This is called the **conflict**. *Explain what happens in the beginning, the middle, and the end. Explain the main problem or conflict the characters have to solve and how they do it.*
- **End with a conclusion.** This is where you give your opinion of the story. *Write a paragraph telling whether or not you liked the book and the reason(s) why. Also tell about what you have learned. Be specific.*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Booklist level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark:**       **Student Read**       **Parent (or other person) read to student**

**Introduction:**

I read \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

It is a story about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. I chose this book because

**Setting:**

This story takes place \_\_\_\_\_

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**Main Characters:**

The main character(s) in the story is \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_. I would describe this character as

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\_\_\_\_\_. This character is important because \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plot:**

The story is about \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_. The biggest problem in the book is \_\_\_\_\_

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**Conclusion:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ this book because \_\_\_\_\_  
like/dislike

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One thing I learned from this story is \_\_\_\_\_

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