

Book Review

Fiction



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Outline (Assignment is four short paragraphs)

Title: Creative title based on the book.

Introduction—Include your initial reaction to the book. What was your first impression based on the title? What is your overall opinion? Be sure to state YOUR opinion clearly. Include the title and author of the book.

Body 1—Evaluate the author's use of plot, character and conflict. Is the plot interesting? Are the characters believable? What is the conflict and how does it fit with the characters?

Body 2—Evaluate the author's writing style. Is the story readable? Is it easy to get into? Is the author's writing style easy to follow, detailed, descriptive? What is unique about this author's writing? Use specific examples from the text to support your evaluation.

Conclusion—Restate your opinion of the book. Persuade the reader to act! Here is your last chance to either convince the reader to read the book or not to bother with it.



Reviews may be handwritten or typed. If you would like to share your book review on the class website, email a typed copy or post it to me in the online classroom.

Book Review

Non-fiction



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A good book review supports the writer's opinion with judgments about the various elements that make up the book. When you review a book, first note your overall reaction to the book, then jot down specific examples of the ways in which the writer handles the subject.

Outline (Assignment is three short paragraphs)

Title: Creative title based on the book.

Introduction—Briefly state the subject of the book and include the title and author. Next, share your initial reaction to the book. What was your first impression based on the title? What is your overall opinion? Be sure to state YOUR opinion clearly

Body—Evaluate the author's writing style. How does the author handle the subject of the book? Is the book readable? Is it easy to get into? Is the author's writing style easy to follow, detailed, descriptive? How does the author deal with the subject—in others words, how are they sharing the content of the book? What is unique about this author's writing? Use specific examples from the text to support your evaluation.

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