

Book Review assignment

Reading is a lifelong pleasure, but a lot of us don't remember what we have read. However, if you reflect on a book for a half-hour, you can usually recall enough about it to judge what you liked and disliked, and maybe even compare the book with other books you have read



Forming an opinion about a book after you read it is the first step in realizing what makes some books worth reading again and again. You can recommend a good book to other readers. You can find other books like the ones you have enjoyed. You can select books because of the themes or ideas they present. Soon, you'll see why some books are considered classics, and why other books might be fun to read, but not necessarily important to remember.

This assignment teaches you how to think critically about a book after you have read it, so you can assess its qualities and compare it to other books you will read this year.

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Correct citation of the book.

Your description

Write one paragraph, 7-10 sentence long, describing the main elements of literature that you observed in the book. Some things to think about might include:

- Who were the main characters?
- What was the story about?
- What conflicts did the main character(s) have to resolve?

Your recommendation

Write another paragraph, 7-10 sentences long, that starts with your opinion about the book and makes a recommendation about it for other readers. Support your opinion with one or two specific examples from the book. Some things to think about might include:

- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was your favorite part of the book? – or – Do you have a least favorite part of the book?
- If you could change something in the book, what would it be?

Rubric

<input type="checkbox"/> Citation	5 pts	_____	Correct form, no mistakes
<input type="checkbox"/> Description	5 pts	_____	Contains clear descriptions of Plot, Character, Conflict
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation	5 pts	_____	Contains recommendation, supporting quotes
<input type="checkbox"/> Conventions	5 pts	_____	Grammar, capitalization, punctuation
			TOTAL _____/20

CATEGORY	5	4.2	3.8	Points Earned
Citation	Citation is complete and correct.	Citation has one error.	Citation has more than one error	
Description	Summary is well-written and includes all aspects of the prompt. It is clear student read and understood the book.	Summary includes all aspects of the story, but at least one part of the prompt is not included. It appears student read most of book.	Includes a description of some of the things that happened in the book. It does not appear student read the entire book	
Opinion	Opinion is clear, addresses three parts of the prompt, each with specific examples.	Opinion is clear, addresses two parts of the prompt; provides quotes.	Opinion is clear, addresses one part of the prompt, and/or lacks specific examples.	
Recommendation	There is a strong recommendation; explanation is complete and shows supporting examples.	There is a clear recommendation; explanation and/or example adequate.	There is a recommendation, but explanation is vague and/or example is missing.	
Conventions Grammar, Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation, Format	There are no grammatical mistakes; all aspects are included and well developed; meets all aspects of conventions	There are 1-2 grammatical mistakes; at least one aspect is not included; meets most aspects of conventions	Grammatical mistakes interfere with readability; does not include two or more aspects; errors in more than one aspect of conventions	
			TOTAL POINTS	_____ /25