

40 Book Challenge Book Review

Directions: Part of the *40 Book Challenge* requires you to complete 2 book reviews each month. Your book reviews can be written or typed and are due by the last day of school each month. Each book review consists of two parts: Summary and Recommendation. See the guidelines below for fiction AND nonfiction texts:

FICTION

Part 1

Summary

Write a summary of the book

1st paragraph-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 the 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. (Minimum 5 sentences)

2nd paragraph - 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 reader into wanting to get this book. Use some of these transition words to help you write your review. (Minimum 5 sentences)

first	also	because	another
Second	between	next	as a result
third	finally	then	later
last	after that	for example	during

Part 2

Evaluation & Recommendation

1st paragraph-Opinion

Write a paragraph giving your opinion on the book. Write about why you like or dislike the book. Give details, for example: Was the book confusing? Was it 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? 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. (Minimum 5 sentences)

2nd paragraph-Recommendation

Explain whether you would recommend this book to a peer or not? Rate this book from 1 star to 5 stars, and give examples why you gave it the rating you did. Talk about the author's style of writing and give examples from the book (Minimum 5 sentences)

NonFiction

Part 1

1st paragraph-Summary

Explain the contents of the book by identifying the topic and giving a brief summary of the main points. Include quotes and/or paraphrase the key ideas.

2nd paragraph-Purpose

What is the author's purpose? To relay information, to convince, to demand change, to shock? Who is the intended audience? Include evidence from the text to support your response.

*3rd paragraph-Author's Background (**Research Required**)*

Determine the credibility by describing the author's education and/or experience, the author's other works, and work by other experts.

Part 2

Evaluation

Has the author achieved his/her goal in writing this piece? What evidence has been given? What original suggestions or possibilities have been presented? What is not convincing? What has been left out? Is the book useful? Explain whether you would recommend this book to a peer or not? Rate this book from 1 star to 5 stars, and give examples why you gave it the rating you did. (Minimum 5 sentences)