

Book REVIEW Guidelines



Length: One handwritten page, or three-quarters of a double-spaced typed page.

Heading:

- ◆ Write your name and the date at the top of the page.
- ◆ Skip a line and write the title and author.

First Paragraph:

- ◆ Write an introductory sentence that includes one of these elements:
 - a short quotation from the book or magazine selection
 - a statement that gives the book either a thumbs-up or a thumbs-down evaluation, and a reason to support your position
- ◆ Write, from notes you've taken, a short summary of your selection; identify the genre: fantasy, science fiction, realistic or historical fiction, biography, autobiography, poetry, photo-essay, magazine story, play, or article.

Second Paragraph:

- ◆ Choose one to three of the questions for forming opinions about fiction or nonfiction and use these to inform readers about the strengths and weaknesses of your book or article.
- ◆ Use specific examples from the book or article to support each question you choose to respond to in your book review.

Closing Paragraph:

- ◆ Reread your second paragraph and decide who would enjoy this book or selection.
- ◆ Offer one or two reasons why the book is either a great read or a boring read.