

Summer Reading Book Review - Grades 7-8

Write a review of your chosen book. Use the following guidelines/format/brainstorming to assist.

Outline: Use the graphic organizer below to plan what you will write. Use bullet points, not complete sentences.

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| Brief summary of the book | Type your ideas here |
| What you liked about the book | Type your ideas here |
| What character/event from the book you would like to know more about and why | Type your ideas here |
| People who like ____ (name three things) would like this book because... | Type your ideas here |

Write:

Turn your outline above into a written review of your book. Make sure to include each of the elements from the graphic organizer above.

When you type your review, make sure to indent any new paragraphs you write, and to proofread your writing before you submit it.

Check your work: Refer to the writing checklist to make sure you've met the writing and formatting requirements of this assignment. Refer to the editing checklist and rubric to make sure you've met the content requirements of this assignment.

Summer Writing Editing Checklist

Formatting

Did you...

- Put your MLA heading at the top of your page?
Your name
Your teacher's name
English (grade level)
date
- Have your writing double-spaced?
- Have everything typed in Times New Roman font size 12?
- Have each new paragraph indented?
- Use (last name page number) for each citation?
- Use present tense?

Content

Did you...

- Answer the question that was asked?
- Use evidence to support EACH argument you make?
 - Cite each piece of evidence, even if you've paraphrased it?
 - Use quotation marks and a citation every time you use words that aren't your own?
- Explain how EACH piece of evidence proves your point?

Grammar and Diction

Did you...

- Avoid using first and second person in your writing?
- Write in complete sentences?
- Vary your sentence structure so you don't have just simple or just complex sentences?
- Use appropriate vocabulary for your audience?
- Avoid repeating phrases or ideas?

Length Requirements

Grade 7: minimum 100 words; 1-2 paragraphs

Grade 8: minimum 150 words; 1-2 paragraphs

Grade 9: minimum 200 words; multiple paragraphs

Grade 10: minimum 250 words; multiple paragraphs

Grade 11: minimum 300 words; multiple paragraphs

Grade 12: minimum 350 words; multiple paragraphs

Rubric

| Summer Reading Rubric | Name _____ | Class _____ | | | | |
|---|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Summary: -Includes setting: time/place -Main characters -Major plot points -Summary is brief and focused. | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | |
| What did you like best about the book? and What would you change about the book? -Complete sentences were used. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| People who like (name 3 things) would like this book because... -Complete sentences were used. -Three things were included in the answer. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| Directions were followed: -Typed -Double spaced -Name, date, and book title in the upper left corner -Grammar, spelling, and punctuation are correct | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |

It goes without saying that any of your work that is not your own (copied from another student or an online resource) will not be accepted.

Deductions for late work will be taken. Work that is submitted after September 4, 2021 will not be accepted for assessment.