

Book Review Outline

Paragraph 1: Give a brief summary of your book without giving away the ending:

_____ (title) _____ by _____ (author) _____ is a story about _____ (describe the topic of the story) _____

and teaches the readers that _____ (describe the theme) _____

This story takes place in _____ (place) _____ during the _____ (time period) _____.

The main characters are _____ (name and briefly describe main characters) _____ who

_____ (describe the conflict of the story) _____.

The only question is; _____ ?

Paragraph 2: What is your personal response to the book with specific examples to support praise or criticism?

- I. Begin with a statement that tells the reader whether or not you enjoyed reading the book. Choose some adjectives to describe your opinion of the book.

Positive Opinion Adjectives 	Negative Opinion Adjectives 
Delightful Superb Fantastic Marvelous Magnificent Sensational Uplifting Captivating Fascinating Entertaining Amusing Witty Lively Touching/Moving Humorous Heartwarming Suspenseful	Unpleasant Tedious Stuffy Lifeless Unoriginal/Predictable Ridiculous Confusing Troubling Dreadful Frustrating Awful Disappointing Upsetting Dull Depressing Uninteresting Monotonous

II. Provide specific evidence to justify your opinion of whether or not the book was enjoyable to read. Questions to keep in mind when giving evidence to support your opinion:

- Did you like the plot?
- Do you like the characters?
- Was the climax exciting?
- Did the book have a good resolution?
- Was the setting interesting?
- Was the book humorous? Suspenseful? Heartwarming?
- Did you enjoy the author's writing style?

Don't forget to use transitions when providing evidence of your opinion.

Transitions When Providing Reasons	Transitions When Providing Examples or Details	Transitions When Coming to a Conclusion
First To start with To begin with Second Next Another reason Most importantly Finally Lastly	For example For instance In particular Specifically Additionally In other words In fact An example is	In conclusion All in all As you can see To sum it up To summarize Finally

Paragraph 3: Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why? Why not? How would you rate this book? How does it compare to other things that you have read?

I would/would not recommend this book to a friend because _____

The readers will/will not enjoy _____

I would rate this book ___ out of ___ stars because _____

If you enjoy _____, then you should _____

