

Non-Fiction Book Review

Grades 4-8

5 Points per criteria item; Total possible = 40 Points

Criteria		Completed/Points
Title	Relates to the topic of the book.	
Purpose	Tells the reviewer's opinion about the book; helps others decide if they want to read the book; helps others see why the book might be useful to him or her.	
Introduction/ Beginning	Hooks the reader with the first sentences; tells the book's title and author; tells the author's purpose for writing the book (for example, to explain how to do something, to help people learn about something or someone, etc.); summarizes at least one of the main ideas in the book to help readers know what the book is about; gives the reviewer's opinion about the book and tells what the reviewer wants readers to understand or know about the book.	
Body	Includes at least 2 paragraphs; explains how well the author achieves his/her purpose, where the book is successful or fails, and why. Includes a main idea in each paragraph that helps prove the reviewer's point; supports each main idea with evidence, details, or examples from the book. The reviewer should also give his/her personal reaction to the book.	
Conclusion/Ending	Ends with the reviewer's opinion and what the reviewer wants readers to understand or know about the book.	
Language	Uses words correctly, especially special vocabulary words from the book.	
Sentences	Uses different kinds of sentences; uses complete sentences.	
Correctness	Uses correct spelling, capitals, and punctuation (periods, question marks, commas, etc.).	

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