**Book Report #1**

**BOOK REVIEW FORM**

**(Revised to reflect MLA format-2013)**

Type the monthly book review using the following MLA format:

* New Times Roman- 12 pt.
* Double space throughout the paper
* Set margins to 1-inch at top, bottom, and both sides
* Indent the first word of a paragraph by ½ inch or 5 spaces
* Number all pages consecutively. Put the numbers in the upper right-hand corner, ½ inch from the right margin.
* Type your last name before the page number, and do not use a “p.” before the number
* Write a complete paragraph for each area of the novel. A paragraph is at least 6-8 sentences long.

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Student’s name

Teacher’s name

Literature: Nov. Book Review

Date

*Title (itaiicized)*

*Name of the author*

**Setting**

Describe a setting in the book. Include at least five descriptive details for each setting. Write **at least a paragraph**.

**Major character**

Describethe “hero” or main character of the book in a **complete paragraph**. The paragraph should include the characters physical qualities. What does he/she look like? It should also include at least three of the main character’s personal qualities or characteristics. What kind of “person” is he/she? What is the most important lesson that the character learns in the course of the book?

**Characters**

**In a complete paragraph**, choose at least two minor characters in your book, and write a description of each character, including some physical details and at least three personal characteristics for each character.

**Conflict**

Name and explain the main conflict. What specifically is the main problem? **Write one short paragraph.**

**Plot**

In at least **two paragraphs**, describe the plot of the book, with special attention to important events. You may include events in the exposition, the rising action, the climax, and the falling action.

**Resolution**

How is the main conflict resolved? **Give a brief explanation in a short paragraph**.

**Theme**

Choose and explain at least one of the main ideas from the book. What did the author intend for the reader to learn? **Write one complete paragraph.**

**Vocabulary**: Find and define 10 vocabulary words in the novel.

**Reflection**

In at least one complete paragraph, write your thoughts, opinions, and connections to the story. Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not? Give specific details from the book that made you feel that way. Would you recommend the book? Why or why not? Any connections you had with the characters or story? What was your favorite part of the book? Why? Explain with specific details. I want to know your thoughts while you were reading this book.

You **do not need** to include a “Works Cited” page since the book review consists of your thoughts and opinions. You do not need to use an outside resource.

**Book Report #2**

SUMMER BOOK REPORTS

The following format MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO WHEN COMPLETING YOUR BOOK

REPORTS. Must be double spaced Times New Roman 12 point font. You many only choose a book from the list below.

Title:

Author:

Publisher:

This includes the Publishing Company, City of Publication, and Year of

Publication

Setting:

Include both the PLACE AND TIME in which the story took place

Major Character:

Only list ONE main character

Summary: MUST NOT EXCEED TEN SENTENCES Remember that by definition summaries are brief. Good summaries use as few words as possible in order to give the reader basic information about the plot, characters, and setting of the book. A well written summary, though concise, touches on all the elements of plot- this includes an explanation of climax, or outcome, of the novel. The keys to effective summarizing are:

1). FOCUS ON THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE PLOT

2). AVOID INCLUDING UNNECESSARY DETAILS- IN FACT KEEP DETAILS TO A MINIMUM. SAVE THEM FOR USE IN YOUR REACTION.

3). MOST IMPORTANTLY, KEEP IT SHORT

Reaction: MUST BE ONE FULL PARAGRAPH. Your reaction is your critical opinion of the novel. Your opinion must be supported with specific reasons and references to the book. It is IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DEFEND YOUR JUDGEMENT through the use of detailed explanations. When writing your reaction avoid the use of generalizations. Use definite and precise language. For example, do not just state that the novel was suspenseful but explain how the suspense was created, comment on what the suspense did for the plot of the novel, or discuss the affects of the suspense on the characters and you the reader. Your reaction can also comment on any lesson (theme) that the novel conveyed and how this theme relates to your life. Also, you could comment on the writing style of the book and the characters. Did you find the book easy or difficult to read? Why? Could you relate to any of the characters? Did you learn any new facts or new information by reading the book?

ENTERING 7th GRADER: SAMPLE BOOK REPORT

Title: The Hobbit

Author: J.R.R. Tolkein

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, New York, 2001

Setting: Past in Middle Earth

Major Character: Bilbo Baggins

Summary:

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who is very happy with his life in Middle Earth. Hobbits are a race of people who have furry toes and who love to eat and drink. One day, he receives a visit from a wizard named Gandalf. The wizard convinces Bilbo to join him and a group of dwarves on an adventure to recapture a treasure that was stolen by a dragon named Smug. After battling trolls, a monster called Gollum, and an army of goblins Bilbo and the dwarves are successful and recover the treasure. Bilbo then returns home to his former life.

Reaction:

The Hobbit was a great fantasy. The writing was so vivid that I felt like I was a member of Bilbo Baggin’s band of warriors. It was a story based on a battle between good and evil and I cheered for Bilbo in each of his battles. I was inspired by the character of Bilbo. At the start of the story he was hesitant to take part in the quest. As the story progressed, though, he showed a great deal of bravery. Bilbo taught me that there is a hero in each of us. After reading The Hobbit I can understand why this book is considered on of the classics of it genre.

SUMMER BOOK REPORTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

ARTISTIC COVERS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR SUMMER BOOK REPORTS