

Summer Reading Book Report Format

Written book reports must include an introduction, body, and conclusion and all of the necessary specified points on this outline. Follow the guidelines for a biography, nonfiction, or fiction. The report must fit the following criteria:

- ✓ typed in 12-point Times New Roman font
- ✓ double-spaced
- ✓ contain one inch margins
- ✓ Approximately 750 words (3 pages)

This report must be turned in on the first day of the new school year. It will count as several homework grades.

****NOTE: If you use any of the author's exact words in your book report, you must put them in quotation marks and provide the page number where they are found.***

I. Introduction (1 paragraph):

- (A). Include the book title and the author's name in the first sentence.
- (B). Briefly explain the following:

1. For a biography: the setting (time/place) of the book and the main character(s).
2. For nonfiction: the issue/thesis/main idea or question the book seeks to answer.
3. For fiction: the setting (time/place) of the book, the main character(s), and the basic plot of the story.

II. Body (more than 2 paragraphs)

- (A). Main Points:

1. For a biography: summarize the chief incidents and their importance.
2. For nonfiction: summarize the book's main point/arguments.
3. For fiction: summarize the plot (main characters, conflict, main events, climax).

- (B). Ending/Resolution of book: (1 paragraph)

1. For biography: state the main significance of the person's life.
2. For nonfiction: state how the main points/arguments support the author's thesis.
3. For fiction: summarize the events that resolve the conflict.

III. Conclusion Your evaluation of the book: (2 paragraphs)

- (A). Discuss the author, considering the following questions.

Why did the author write this work? What was his/her message/agenda?
What does the author seem to think or believe about his/her subject matter?
What does the author seem to think or believe about religion? God? Mankind in general?
Is the author's message convincing?

(B). Give your favorable and/or unfavorable thoughts about the book while considering the following about the book you read:

What are its strengths and weaknesses?
 Were you satisfied or disappointed with the outcome?
 How did the book influence your thinking? Emotions? Life goals? Worldview?
 Overall, what is your evaluation/impression of the book? Would you recommend it to anyone? Why or why not?

Requirements	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
Introduction	10		
Body (clear, factually accurate book summary, covers all major/necessary information)	30		
Conclusion/Evaluation	20		
Proper format, style, length	15		
Grammar, spelling, mechanics	15		
Properly organized according to outline	10		
-11 points per day for late paper	--		Due: Received:
Total	100		