

Writing a Book Review

READING IS
AWESOME

Below is a list of questions for you to think about when writing about your chosen book. Use them to form your detailed book review.

You must answer in sentences, and each section below should form a paragraph.

INTRODUCTION DET

The introductory paragraph usually includes basic information about the book:

- title
- author
- genre
- whether it is part of a series, and its name if so.

PLOT

What is the story about?

What happens during the story? Are there twists?

What is the time setting (it could take part in the past, present or future)?

Was the plot predictable? Could you guess what was about to happen or could you not foresee the ending?

Did the text flow? Was it easy to understand?

CHARACTERS

Who were the main characters? Were they realistic?

Which did you find most interesting? Why?

Which one could you relate to the most? Why?

Did the characters change/ grow emotionally as the story went on?

THEMES

What sort of ideas and issues does the story deal with (eg family life, friendship, drugs, gangs, relationships, politics etc)

What does the book make you think about?

YOUR OPINION

Now is your time to say what you thought of the book. Be critical!

Do you think the writer had a particular reason for telling this story?

Do you think you learnt anything from the book about people, different ways of life, specific issues?

Did you enjoy the story? If so, why? If not, why not?

How did the story make you feel?

What else do you think is important to say about it?

Would you recommend this book and/or read another by the same author?