

Four Parts of a Book Review

1. **Introduction:** Please include the following information. Do not begin with “My book is... The book I read was...” *This is worth 10% of your grade.*
 - Book Title and author’s name.
 - Genre (type) of book (ex—mystery, realistic fiction, nonfiction, biography)
 - A brief summary of the main points of your book. Answer the following:
 - WHO—Who is the book about?
 - WHAT—What events happen /are discussed in the book?
 - WHEN—When did the action/events take place?
 - WHERE—Where did the action/events happen?
 - WHY—Why did the events occur or Why did a person/s act a certain way?
 - HOW—How did it end? How are the events significant?
 - Explain why you chose the book.
2. **Body:** This should be the focus of your paper. *It is worth 60% of your grade.*
 - The goal of a book review is to share your opinions about the book you have read.
 - Make 3-4 points main points about the book. Each point should be a separate paragraph.
 - Do not use all of the below prompts in one review. Pick just 3 or 4 and write about them in detail. The following is just a list of suggestions to get you started.
 - I like... OR I did not like...
 - I found _____ interesting because...
 - The most/least interesting part was...
 - I wonder why the author...
 - This reminds me of... OR This is similar to...
 - I wanted to know more about...
 - I was surprised by...
 - I was impressed by...
 - I noticed that...
 - Support each main point with detailed examples from the book that are clearly and completely explained.
3. **Conclusion:** *This part is worth 10% of your grade.*
 - Give the book an overall rating and explain why you rated it as you did.
 - Tell whether or not you would recommend this book to someone else.
 - Who might enjoy/dislike this kind of book? Why?
4. **Bibliography:** *This section is worth 10% of your grade.*
 - An alphabetical list of the materials you used to prepare the review. YOUR BOOK.
 - The bibliography should be in MLA format.
 - See Handout: Bibliographic Formats (Avail. from Mr. Lister and Mrs. Chortanoff.)
 - The bibliography is the last page of your review.