

Final Project: Write a Book Review

Congratulations! You finished the book. Would you recommend it to a friend? Write a brief review of the book.

Procedure

1. Write a draft of your book review. You'll want to include the following:

- the book title and author's name
- a brief summary
- your opinion of the book with reasons
- illustration (optional)

Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen or pencil • Paper • Colored markers or pencils

2. Revise your work. Edit your writing. Use some of the following ideas:

- Check that you have given reasons for your opinions.
- Look for and take out any information that is not necessary.
- Work on a strong ending that restates your opinion or offers a final comment.

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BOOK REVIEW IDEAS	ILLUSTRATION IDEAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at book reviews from newspapers and magazines to use as a model. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show an exciting moment in the book.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell why you liked or disliked the book. Give examples to support your opinion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw the main character from the book.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell how many stars the book rates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw the book cover.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a caption to go with the picture.

Final Project: Letter to the Author

Congratulations! You finished the book. Write a letter to the author to share your ideas or ask questions about the book.

Procedure

1. Write a draft of your letter. You may want to include the following:

- reasons why you liked or disliked the book
- questions you have about the book
- questions about the author’s life or career

Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen or pencil • Paper

2. Revise your work. Edit your writing. Write a final version of your letter. Make sure that you use correct letter form.

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LETTER IDEAS	PRESENTATION IDEAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the author where he or she got the idea for the book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type your letter on a computer or write your letter on stationery that you design.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell whether you liked the author’s writing style or topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the letter to the author in care of the publisher. Look on the title or copyright page for the publisher’s address.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell the author something about yourself. 	

Final Project: Front-Page News Article

Congratulations! You finished the book. Write a newspaper article that summarizes the main events in the book.

Procedure

1. Write a draft of your article. Consider the following ideas:

- Select one or more major events from the book to report.
- List the details that you want to describe. Include time, place, characters, and actions.
- Include only the most important information.

Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen or pencil • Paper • Colored markers or pencils (optional)

2. Revise your work. Edit your writing. Use some of the following ideas:

- Have a classmate read your article and make suggestions.
- Read your article aloud to see if it sounds right and to notice mistakes.
- Find places where you can add details to make ideas clearer to the reader.

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ARTICLE IDEAS	PRESENTATION IDEAS
• Study real news articles as models.	• Type your article on a computer using a font that looks like a newspaper typeface.
• Create a headline for your article.	
• Include a strong lead—a first sentence that grabs the reader.	• Add an illustration or find a photo from a magazine or newspaper that might go with your article.

Final Project: Make a Poster

Congratulations! You finished the book. Make a poster that shows important ideas about the book.

Procedure

1. Plan your poster. Try out some ideas on a sheet of scrap paper.

You'll want to include the following:

- the book title
- the author's name
- a picture that shows important characters, places, or events
- a message from you

Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colored markers or pencils • Scrap paper • Poster board

2. Begin work. Put your ideas down on the poster board.

Make sure that you've included everything.

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ILLUSTRATION IDEAS	MESSAGE IDEAS
• Show your favorite part of the book.	• Include a quotation from the book.
• Draw your favorite character. Show the scariest, funniest, or most important part.	• Tell whether you liked the book and why or why not.
• Draw the setting where the book takes place.	• Tell how many stars the book rates.
	• Tell about what your illustration shows.

Final Project: Create a Time Line

Congratulations! You finished the book. Make a time line to tell what happens in the book.

Procedure

1. Plan your time line. Try out some ideas on a sheet of scrap paper. Write down the main events from the book in the order in which they happened. You'll want to include the following:

- the date each event happened
- a sentence or two telling what the event was and where it took place
- illustrations of some of the events

2. Begin work. Put your ideas down on a piece of paper that is long enough to fit all the information on the time line.

Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen or pencil • Paper • Colored markers or pencils (optional)

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EVENT IDEAS	ILLUSTRATION IDEAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include important facts such as birth, education, marriage, death, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include drawings for events that were especially important in the person's life or in the story.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add dates and locations of events that were happening in other places at the same time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add details described in the book such as setting and time of day.

Final Project: Create a Book Cover

Congratulations! You finished the book. Create a book cover that tells important information about the book.

Procedure

- 1. Plan your book cover.** Try out some ideas on a sheet of scrap paper. You'll want to include the following:
 - the book title
 - the author's name
 - a picture that shows important characters, places, or events
 - a brief summary of the story for the back cover
 - reviewers' quotes for the back cover

Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colored markers or pencils • Paper • Pen or pencil

- 2. Begin work.** Put your ideas down on a clean sheet of paper. Make sure you've included everything.

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ILLUSTRATION IDEAS	MESSAGE IDEAS
• Show your favorite part of the book.	• Include a quotation from the book.
• Draw your favorite character. Show the scariest, funniest, or most important part.	• Give a summary that makes readers wonder what will happen in the book. (Don't give away the ending!)
• Draw the setting where the book takes place.	• Ask other students who have read the book to give a quote telling what they think of it.