

Book Review Template

Directions:

1. Students select or are assigned a book to read.
2. After reading the book, they complete the book commercial template.
3. Students practice their book talks.
4. The book talks are recorded or presented in class.

Additional Notes:

Students can display/hold up the book during their presentation.

If you record the talks, consider filming in front of a Smart Board with the book displayed on the screen.

Share your book talks with another class, present them at an assembly, or broadcast them on school TV.

Book Review Summary

BOOK TITLE: _____ AUTHOR: _____

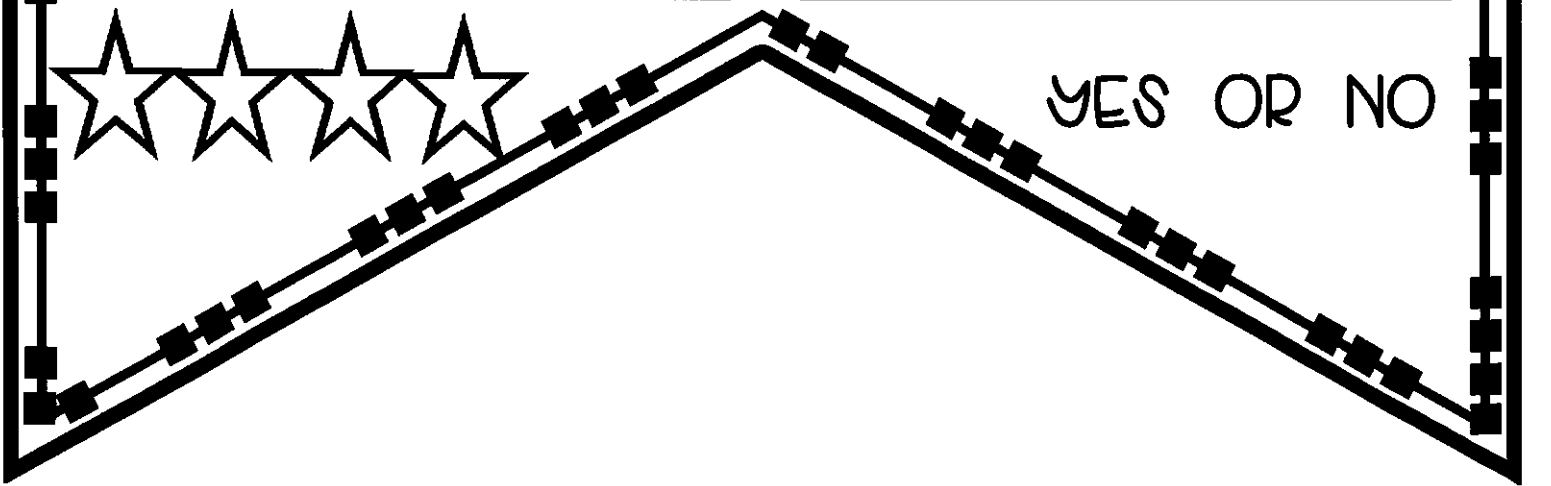
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BOOK RATING

RECOMMENDATION



YES OR NO



Book Review Summary

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SUMMARIZE

BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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ENDING

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YES OR NO

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Book Review Summary

BOOK TITLE: _____ AUTHOR: _____

MY FAVORITE PART OF BOOK [ILLUSTRATED]

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MINI BLURB OF STORY

MY OPINION OF STORY

BOOK RATING



RECOMMENDATION

YES OR NO

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Nonfiction Book Review

BOOK TITLE: _____ AUTHOR: _____

3 FACTS I LEARNED

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

CONNECTIONS

- WORLD:
- SELF:
- TEXT:

MAIN IDEA

BOOK BLURB

BOOK RATING



RECOMMENDATION

YES OR NO

What makes my review GREAT?

1. Start with a hook!

This might be a question such as "Have you been looking for a book that will knock your socks off?!"

2. EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

I recommend that you...

3. DESCRIBE IT

Magic Tree House is a wonderful series about the adventures of 2 children, Jack and Annie.

4. 3 REASONS(CATEGORIES) WITH 3 SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.

The suspense will keep you on the edge of your seat. For example, at one point in the story, the character faces a serious dilemma and it is difficult to predict which way he will respond. (Notice, I did not give the story away).

5. Include one suggestion YOU HAVE that might make it better.

One thing I noticed is that some of the parts seem to drag on. I suggest the author eliminate some of the unnecessary details.

6. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

So run on over to your nearest book store and grab yourself a copy of ...You won't be able to put it down!

7. Give a rating!

Sample MY REVIEW PLAN

I am reviewing a Book

The name of it is: "Magic Tree House,
Dinosaurs at Dark"

My Categories:

adventure



If you like a good adventure, you will love Magic Tree House. Jack and Annie go on the wildest adventures, often in search of something. The clues throughout the story pulls the reader in to the story and makes the reader feel like he or she is part of the adventure.

learning



Children will enjoy the adventures within this series but they will also learn many facts about the different places visited. For example, in... Jack and Annie learn(insert fact),

characters



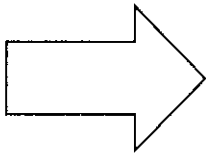
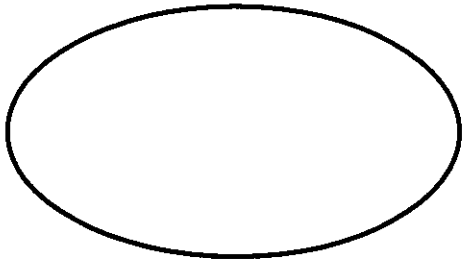
Jack and Annie are each interesting in their own way. They are brother and sister and have a unique relationship, one that children might relate to. Sometimes, the things they do might surprise you.

MY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

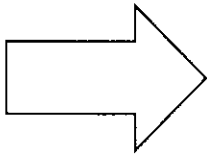
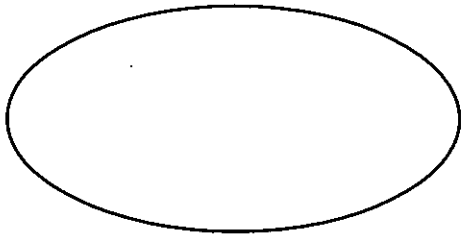
that match MY categories on page



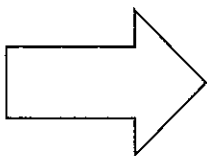
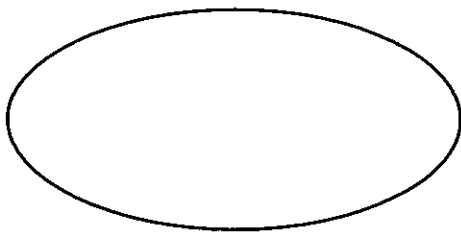
My Categories:



1. Example: _____



2. Example: _____



3. Example: _____

NOW, I have to
identify my categories.

I am reviewing: a book

My categories might be:

Entertaining:
Does it hold your
attention?
Why?

Funny/Sad?
Do you laugh
out loud?
or cry?
Why?

Hook:
What does
the author do
to hook you?
Give examples.

Predictable?
Is it too
predictable or
are there
surprises?

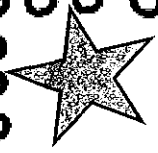
Characters:
Are they
interesting?
Why? Give
examples.

Plot:
What makes
it a good
plot? or a
bad plot?

Lined writing area with 15 horizontal lines.

My rating:





SAMPLE REVIEW

Have you been looking for a book that is going to keep you on the edge of your seat?! Well, your search has brought you to the world of Jack and Annie.

Jack and Annie are the two main characters in the book series, Magic Tree House. In this book, Jack and Annie go on many wild adventures. I think you should read this book for several reasons.

First, the adventures are interesting and written in a way that you as the reader, feel like you are right there on the adventure. For example, in Dinosaurs Before Dark, you feel like you are in the prehistoric past with Jack and Annie.

Second, the two main characters, Jack and Annie, are kids that you will relate to. They are brother and sister and they have problems and questions like you do. For example, Annie is always trying to persuade Jack to go along with her plan.

Another reason that you should read this book is because it is filled with important facts. The author weaves fun facts into the chapters. For example, you will learn not only facts about the prehistoric period, but you will also learn specific facts about pteranodon.

So, I recommend that you run out to the nearest bookstore and grab yourself a copy of Magic Tree House. You are sure to be hooked! I give Magic Tree House 5 stars!