

BOOK REVIEW GUIDELINES:

***Complete 1 review each quarter for 50 points. More for up to 25 bonus points per review.**

***Length: One handwritten page or three-quarters of a type-written page, 1-inch margins, double-spaced, 12 point Times.**

1. At the top of the page: write your name and the date
2. Skip a line and write: Title, Author, and ISBN (if it is a book from my room instead of from the library, just write LL or Lauer's Library.)
3. **Paragraph 1:** Open this paragraph with a lead that grabs the reader's attention! For example, you could try A, B, or C below.
 - a. Pull a short quote from the book- Make sure you explain why you picked this quote.
 - b. Point out a terrific part- Make sure you explain why it was terrific.
 - c. Tell why the book was fantastic or why you found it blah- Use details from the text to support your opinion.

NEXT (STILL PARAGRAPH 1):

Summarize the plot in two to four COMPLETE sentences. In your summary, identify the genre: fantasy, sci-fi, realistic fiction, biography, historical fiction, journal, photo-essay, etc.

4. Paragraph 2:

Tell whether you would recommend this book or not. Give reasons to back up your opinion. The suggestions below will help you develop points to support your position. Address four in your review.

DO NOT LABEL YOUR PAPER AND ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS! PICK 4 OF THEM TO WRITE ABOUT IN PARAGRAPH FORM WHEN EXPLAINING WHY OR WHY NOT YOU WOULD RECOMMEND THE BOOK! ANY REVIEWS RECEIVED THAT ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN NON-PARAGRAPH FORM WILL BE A ZERO!!

- a. Was it a page-turner? Why?
- b. Was it hard to concentrate on the story? Why?
- c. Did you connect to a character or event? Why?
- d. Do you enjoy the style of writing? Give an example.
- e. Did you enjoy this genre? What about this book made you like the genre?
- f. Were there surprises in the story that held your interest? Briefly tell one.
- g. Did every chapter end with a cliff-hanger? Give an example?
- h. Was it boring? Why?
- i. Was the plot unbelievable? Why?
- j. Who would enjoy reading it? Why?