

## APPROVED BOOK REVIEW FORMAT

### **Student Book Review (Fictional / Story Book)**

#### **What is a Book Review?**

A book review is a form of literary criticism in which a book is analyzed based on content, style, and merit. A book review may be a primary source, opinion piece, summary review or scholarly review. A book review's length may vary from a single paragraph to a substantial essay.

#### **How to review a book.**

To review a book, keep in mind, the following sequential steps.

1. **Author and Title.**

Provide information about author and his / her popularity and title and also tell whether the author has written any book before this book or it is his / her first attempt.

2. **Short summary.**

Provide a short summary of the plot in your own words that does not give away (or spoil) the exciting parts of the story. Make sure that you write with expression and that your topic sentence "hooks" the reader. Finally, try not to include opinions in this portion of the review.

3. **Genre of the book.**

Tell the reader about the category of the book: historical fiction, mystery, fantasy, etc.

4. **Additional Information.**

In this section you will include some additional information about the book or author so that the readers can better understand your recommendation. Examples include:-

- a. **Favorite quotation:** Introduce the quotation so that the reader can understand what's happening in that part of the story. Make sure to use quotation marks and explain to the reader why you liked the quotation.
- b. **Favorite Character:** Describe your favorite character and his traits. Was the character believable?
- c. **Author's purpose:** Why do you think the author wrote this book? Was it to persuade, entertain, inform, or teach?

5. **Recommendation**

Tell the readers if you would recommend the book. Explain why you would or would not recommend this book to others. Be specific so that your readers really understand what you liked or disliked about the book.