

6th Grade Book Reviews

You will read a minimum of 4 - 5 fiction books (grades 4 - 8), 1- 2 non-fiction books, and 2 - 3 books for younger readers (picture books, readers, beginning readers, and folktales) from the Notable Children's books published within the last 10 years. You will read a total of 7 titles. You will write a book review for each title. You should include the following:

Author (last name, first name). Title of the book (underlined). Date published, publisher, Price. ISBN number.

Skip a line after the bibliographic information and begin your review.

Your reviews should be written in paragraph format using between 250 - 400 words. Include a summary of your book and reasons why you liked/disliked the book. End your review with awards won by the title, grades that would enjoy reading this book (ex. Grade 4 - 7) and your initials (not your name).

You will also need to include the cover of the book in your review.

Please type your review using Times New Roman font, size 12, 1½ spaces between each line.

Keep a copy of the review in your own personal folder on the server and put a copy in 6A or 6B Library/Tech folder on the server. I will proof them and move them to my folder.

How to Write a Book Review

A book review is a description and an evaluation on the quality, meaning, and significance of a book - not a retelling.

You will write a brief summary of the book without giving away the ending. For your critical review, you can focus on characters, plot, setting, theme, or genre of the book.

Your reaction (positive or negative) should be specific. If you've read other titles by the same author you can compare the writing. If the genre/setting of the book is one that you enjoy you can compare similar titles. Who are the intended readers and will they enjoy the book. You can't simply say you "loved the book" or you "hated the book."

The more reviews you read, the better yours will be! I've included reviews written by other 6th grade students from Burke's.

Due Dates:

Book 1: 10/19/09

Book 2: 11/9/09

Book 3: 12/16/09

Book 4: 1/27/10

Book 5: 3/2/10

Book 6: 4/23/10

Book 7: 5/19/10