

Name/Class: _____

Writing a Book Review

Minimum sentences: 4th grade = 4, 5th grade = 5, 6th grade = 6, 7th grade = 7, and 8th grade = 8.

Prepare to write your book review by following these 6 simple steps:

- 1. Give it a star rating (1 – 5 where “5” is the best and a 1 is the worst).** Most published books should get a 4 or 5. Usually poorly written books are not published.
- 2. Write a brief summary of the book.** This is in paragraph form. Your summary should be written in YOUR OWN WORDS. Include the main characters, the “problem” or “challenge.”
- 3. Select the most important aspects of the book.** You are writing ideas from the story, not using the book’s original text!
- 4. Let the reader know if you liked the book, why you liked it in a sentence.** Don’t use general statements like, “This book was awesome!” What made it awesome? Clarify your assessment!
- 5. Conclude your book review with a “Teaser sentence”** Add in a teaser question such as, “Will Sarah be accepted by the children? Read this book to find out!”