

Name/Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Writing a Fiction Book Review**

*Minimum sentences: 4<sup>th</sup> grade = 4, 5<sup>th</sup> grade = 5, 6<sup>th</sup> grade = 6, 7<sup>th</sup> grade = 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade = 8.*

**Prepare to write your fiction book review by following these 5 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. Do not repeat the title – that does not count as a sentence!
- 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.” If you read the entire book and understood it, you should be able to summarize the story but you always want your book next to you as you write so you can refresh your memory. I can always tell when a student doesn’t have their book with them as they write their reviews.
- 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”** A teaser example is: “Will Sarah be accepted by the children? Read this book to find out!” **DO NOT GIVE AWAY THE ENDING!!**