

Assessment Rubric

How to Write a Book Report

Student's Name: _____ Assignment: _____ Level: _____

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Introduction	No attempt.	1st paragraph: no title, very little description, too much plot.	1st paragraph: includes the book title with a brief description.	1st paragraph: includes title of book, clearly stated main idea including who/what the story is about.
Main Characters	No attempt.	Characters are named.	Main characters are mentioned with plot elements.	Main characters are clearly named and a brief character description is included for each main character.
Setting	No attempt.	Setting is briefly mentioned, either where or when, takes place, but not both.	Setting, when and where is mentioned with little details.	Setting is clearly described with the time the story takes place and where it takes place clearly described.
Problem/Conflict	No attempt.	Problem and solution are described with minimal details. Difficulty providing information regarding the problem and solution.	Problem is briefly described with 3 major events not specifically named. Solution is present.	Problem is clearly stated and summarized, 3 specific major events are clearly listed and described. Solution to the problem is described concisely.
Final Outcome/Conclusion	No attempt.	Ending is unclear. No specific details.	Conclusion/plot. Somewhat clear on ending event.	How the book ends is clearly stated with details. Clear conclusion of the book with details.
Grammar/Mechanics	No attempt. Book report is difficult to read and doesn't appear to be proofread very carefully or not at all.	Book report contains between 10-15 errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar. More effort could have been put into proofreading.	Book report contains 5-10 errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar.	Book report has been edited and the final copy contains very few errors in punctuation, spelling, and grammar.

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES:

NEXT STEPS:

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Graphic Organizers for Oral Book Reports

Put the letter of the correct term beside the correct meaning:

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| A | notes | | a listing of all the most important points in a book or story. | 1 |
| B | note cards | | a word, phrase, sentence, or group of sentences that relates a preceding topic to a succeeding one or that smoothly connects parts of a speech or piece of writing | 2 |
| C | body language | | a restatement of what a character says in a book or story. | 3 |
| D | transitions | | a graphic organizer that lets the presenter list all the elements of a story or book as part of an oral or written book report. | 4 |
| E | outline | | a graphic organizer that lets the presenter list all the conflicts and solutions which occur in a book as part of an oral or written book report. | 5 |
| F | oral quiz | | index cards or similar cards used for recording notes or other information. | 6 |
| G | quotation | | a graphic organizer that lets the presenter list all the events in a story or book in the order they occurred as part of an oral or written book report. | 7 |
| H | story map | | a summary of important facts or points written down by a reader or speaker. | 8 |
| I | sequence map | | gestures, unconscious bodily movements, facial expressions, etc. which serve as nonverbal communication or as accompaniments to speeches or reports. | 9 |
| J | problem/solution map | | a short, vocal question and answer session. | 10 |

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Comprehension Quiz

Answer each question with one or more complete sentences.

1. What is one way to show how well you understand a book and to tell what you think about it?

2. What are the three main parts of a good book report?

3. What is a book report?

4. All books can be divided into two kinds. What are they?

5. Describe or draw one kind of graphic organizer that would be good to use during the prewriting phase of composing a book report.

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6. Circle the word True if the statement is true. Circle the word False if it's false.

a) An adventure book can be fiction or nonfiction. True False

b) Mysteries are always fiction books. True False

c) Fairy tales and fantasies are nonfiction books. True False

d) Biographies are always nonfiction books. True False

e) Some science stories can be fiction. True False

f) There are two kinds of historical stories – historical fact and historical fiction.

True False

g) Body language is important when you're presenting an oral book report.

True False

h) Myths and legends are not good subjects for book reports.

True False

i) There are many kinds of good graphic organizers to use when you write book reports.

True False



SUBTOTAL: /14

Book Report Graphic Organizer



1st paragraph Author, Setting, Time (setting is where and when the story took place)

2nd paragraph Description of Main Characters

3rd paragraph Problem/Solution Faced by Character

4th paragraph Theme/Moral (underlying idea & subject/lesson learned)

5th paragraph Opinion/Recommendation (What did you think of this book?
Who would you tell to read it?)

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