Critical Thinking Skills

How to Write a Book Report

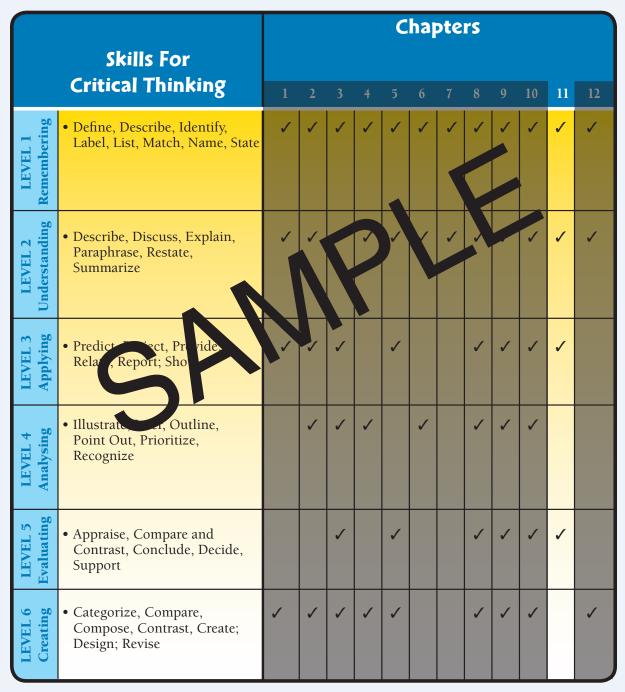| Skills For Critical Thinking	Chapters											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LEVEL 1 Remembering • Define, Describe, Identify, Label, List, Match, Name, State	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 2 Understanding • Describe, Discuss, Explain, Paraphrase, Restate, Summarize	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 3 Applying • Predict, Project, Provide, Relate, Report, Show	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
LEVEL 4 Analysing • Illustrate, Infer, Outline, Point Out, Prioritize, Recognize		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
LEVEL 5 Evaluating • Appraise, Compare and Contrast, Conclude, Decide, Support			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
LEVEL 6 Creating • Categorize, Compare, Compose, Contrast, Create; Design; Revise	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy

Proofreading Practice

Proofread this book report and (circle) **any mistakes that you find. <u>There are at least 18 mistakes</u>. Then fill in the blanks below with the elements of a good book report from this example. There will be one element missing.**

The Bad Beginning: A Terrible Tale

Do you enjoy happy endings. If so, <u>The Bad Beginning</u> by Lemony Snicket is a book you'll want to avoid. This is a storie with a bad begining, a bad midle and a bad ending. why would anyone want to read such a bade book? It's all in good fun!

<u>The bad beginning</u> is a story about the suffering of three orphaned childern at the hands of their uncle, Count Olaf. Although Violet, Klaus, and Sunny are the inheritors of a huge fortune, they cannot claim the money until they are older. for now, they must live with Olaf and cook and clean for him and his terrible theater friends. Why would such a cruel charater take in three orphans? He wants to steel their fortune, of course

I can't tell you how the story ends, but I can tell you what I enjoyed most about the book. Snicket makes his readers laff and want to continue reading, even in the most terible situations. for example, he constantly warns his reader to put down the book because nothing good could possible come of the orphans' unfortunate situation. He writes: "It is my sad duty to write down these unpleasant details, but there is nothing stopping you from puting this book down at once…" Of course, Snicket's warnings only made me even more curiosity to find out what would become of the family in the end.

Will Olaf's evel plans work out? Or will these three crafty kids outwit him? If your not afraid of a little misery and a whole lot of mischief, then I recommend you read The Bad Beginning and find out for yourself.

Title _____ Author _____

Publication date _____

Characters _____

Plot _____

Recommendations _____

Opinions _____

Word Search

Find the following key words from the story. The words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally and some are even backwards.

author	fiction	nonfiction	quotations
body	genres	oral	setting
biography	graphic	organizers	theme
book report	introduction	plot	visual aids
conclusion	journal	proofread	

b	o	o	k	r	e	p	o	r	t	j	o	w	h	e
b	t	r	g	p	n	l	w	u	u	h	o	m	m	l
i	g	g	c	r	w	o	i	v	t	e	e	s	d	a
o	r	a	l	o	k	t	n	w	n	b	m	l	a
g	a	n	t	o	a	o	h	k	e	n	b	e	m
r	p	c	m	f	i	c	t	i	o	n	s	s
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c	o	n	c	l	u	s	i	o	n	a	e	y	e	v

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Fiction Book Characterization Organizer

This is a graphic organizer that is designed to be used during the research phase of a student's book report project. If you want to encourage your students to pay special attention to the author's methods of characterization in their books, give each one of them a copy of this organizer. It gives just enough direction to enable them to recognize the importance of characterization and setting in a good fiction novel.

First and Last name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Describe one change in the main character's personality from the beginning of the novel to the end of the novel; *include examples of what the character says and does to demonstrate the change*: _____
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What has the main character learned about him/herself or others from his/her experiences in the novel? *Include details from the novel to support your response.* _____
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Describe the setting in detail and include examples from the text to support your response. How is the setting important to the development of the plot? Describe a challenge faced by a character in the novel and compare it to a similar challenge you faced or someone you know faced. How are the challenges alike and different?

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