

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define, Describe, Identify, Label, List, Match, Name, State 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 2 Understanding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe, Discuss, Explain, Paraphrase, Restate, Summarize 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 3 Applying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predict, Select, Provide, Relate, Report; Show 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 4 Analysing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illustrate, Order, Outline, Point Out, Prioritize, Recognize 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 5 Evaluating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appraise, Compare and Contrast, Conclude, Decide, Support 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 6 Creating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Categorize, Compare, Compose, Contrast, Create; Design; Revise 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



Review to Remember

A book report is an essay which gives a brief summary of a book and your reaction to it. Writing a book report is a way to show how well you understand a book and to tell what you think about it. A good book report has three sections: the introduction, the body, and the conclusion.

A book report's introduction must include the title of the book (underlined or typed in italics), the book's author, why you chose the book to make a report, and the book's **genre**, or type of story. The **body** of a book report is the section of the book report in which you describe **the main parts of a story: theme, plot, setting, and characters**. The **theme** is the main idea of the story. The setting is the time and place of the story. The **plot** is what happens in the story. The **characters** are who the story is about. The **conclusion** is the summary of your book report. In it, you will give your opinion of the book and the most important things you want other people to know about it.

All books can be divided into two kinds – **fiction and nonfiction**. Fiction books are made up by the author while nonfiction books are based on real people or events. Nonfiction books can be informative, biographical, or autobiographical. A **biography** is the story of a person's life that is written by someone else. An **autobiography** is the story of a person's life written by that person.

Book reports can be presented in many different ways. Some book reports are written and turned in to the teacher and others are presented orally in front of a group of people. Most book report authors use some kind of **graphic organizer** to help gather and organize the information about the book.

Before beginning a book report it is very important to read the entire book. By doing this you will gain a general understanding of the plot, characters, and organization of the book. Besides, you'd feel very foolish trying to answer questions about the book if you hadn't read all of it! If you have a choice about the book to make a report on, be sure to choose one that sounds like it would be interesting to you. Then, as you read, make notes about the characters, plot, setting, and other important parts of the book.



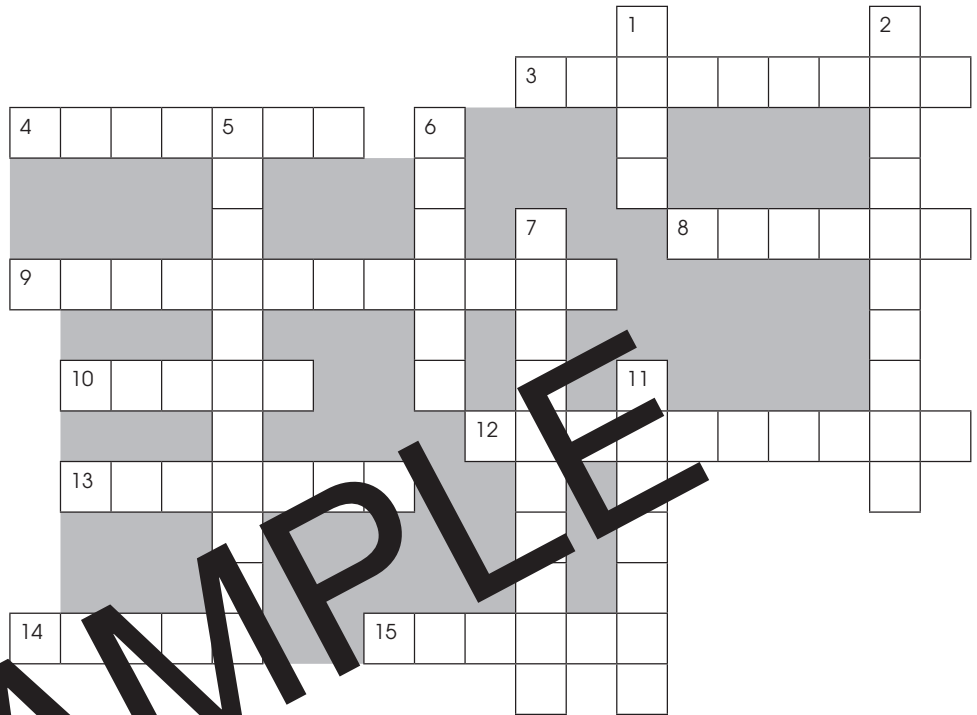
The Writing Watch Dog says,
“Make sure that you choose a book that interests you, take notes while you read it, and then write a great book report to share the book with your friends and classmates. You will have a great sense of accomplishment when you're finished.”



Crossword

Word List

- | | |
|--------------|-----------|
| biography | organizer |
| body | quotes |
| book report | setting |
| characters | theme |
| fantasy | title |
| genres | visual |
| informative | |
| introduction | |
| mystery | |



Across

- A true story about a real person's life that is written by another person
- The time and place of a story or book
- _____ Aids are often used in oral book reports
- The first section of a book report
- The main idea of a story or book
- Graphic _____
- A story about a crime, or an investigation
- The name of a book
- Kinds or types of books or stories

Down

- The middle section of a book report
- Who the book or story is about
- One type of nonfiction book
- Actual words spoken by a character in a book or story
- An essay which gives a brief summary of a book
- A story about imaginary characters or places

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Author's Biographical Information



This graphic organizer is a good research tool for students to use. If they use this organizer to gather information about their favorite author's life, they will have a little something "extra" to include in their book reports.

Student name: _____

Author's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Where he/ she lives now: _____

Title and Date of book published: _____

Additional Interesting Information about the Author: _____

Other Books by this Author: _____

My Evaluation of this Book: _____

Sources of Information: _____

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