

# Book Review Form

Answer questions thoroughly in essay form. Remember: Size 12 font, proper heading, page numbers, double spaced, spell check and proof-read.

1. Give the name of the author and the title of the book.
2. Give a brief account of the book (What was it about?). This can usually be done in just a few lines.
3. This will be the main part of your review. *It is **the most important**.* It should include your reactions, evaluations, conclusions, etc. Some of the points you may wish to discuss are suggested below. They are not in any specific order, but are merely random points of view from which you may wish to discuss your particular book. You should not attempt to use them all.
  - A. Was this a pleasant reading experience for you? Why?
  - B. Was there a message presented either literally or symbolically? If so, what was it? Was it an idea of importance for humankind to consider? How was it presented? (Through narration, character's actions/words, etc.)
  - C. Did the author attempt to convince you of a point of view or idea? If so, what was the idea? Was it successful in your case? Did you change your mind about anything as a result of reading this book?
  - D. Were you impressed with this author's style? Did she/he use any particular technique or device which was appealing or particularly artistic?
  - E. Can this book – its style, its message, its characterization – be compared or contrasted with other literature with which you are familiar?
  - F. How do you rate this writer's ability to portray character? Did the characters come to life for you, or were they unrealistic?
  - G. Was the story plausible (did it bear any relationship to reality)? Were the characters and situations realistic enough that you recognize them? If not, did this detract from the quality of the work, or was the unreality written skillfully enough that it was appealing?

4. What do you consider to be the greatest strengths (or weaknesses) or this book? Use *some* of the suggestions below to answer this question.
  - A. Find a passage in the book which was particularly appealing to you and quote it. Why does this passage appeal to you? Are there any passages in the book which you consider to be especially good uses of language? Illustrate.
  - B. Is there a relationship between the life of the author and the kind of book she/he writes?
  - C. What do you feel was the author's purpose for writing this book? (monetary gain, social reform, emotional release, etc.)
  - D. What single thing in the book impressed or pleased you the most? (vicarious pleasure, humor, recognition of a great idea, familiar experiences, etc.)
  - E. List specific examples from the novel that may fit into the categories that fit into one of these genres: Action, Science Fiction, Romance, Mystery, Adventure, Western, Fantasy, etc.
5. What was the conflict in the book, and how was it resolved?