

How to Write a Book Report (Middle School Level)

Introductory Paragraph

This paragraph should include the title of the book and the name of the author. It will also describe the setting and quickly summarize what the book is about. Don't get too detailed here. It's just the introduction.

Body Paragraphs

This is where the real content of the report begins. By reading this part of your book report (three or four paragraphs), your teacher will be able to determine that you read the book and understood the story.

For fiction or other creative writing:

For biography or autobiography:

Start by describing the main characters of the story. Then describe the conflict.

Common conflicts include man vs. man, man vs. nature, and man vs. himself. Describe it in detail.

The remaining body paragraphs should summarize the plot and describe how it relates to the conflict.

For nonfiction:

Summarize what the author has to say about the subject. Pick out only the most important points made about the subject. If the book is divided into chapters, you can use those divisions as a guide to the main events.

For biography or autobiography:

Summarize what the author has to say about the person. Describe some of the key events in the person's life. If the book is divided into chapters, you can use those divisions as a guide to the main points.

Conclusion

This is the appropriate place to state your personal opinion of the book. What did you think of it? Describe its strengths and weaknesses. Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

Your report must include an introduction, body, and conclusion.