

Book Review

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As a part of the course, you are responsible for writing a book review of a book of your choice from a list given below. Every individual should only write a book review on **one** topic of her choice. You will be responsible for submitting your work on the blackboard using the file name in following way : **FIRST-NAME_LASTNAME.pdf**. **You will be tested on plagiarism, so prepare the book review in your own words instead of directly copying from the internet.** Here are the recommended questions that you should answer in your book review. Find the following information on writing a book review. I hope this is helpful for you to have a structure in your head while writing your book review.

Establish a Background, Remember your Audience: Remember that your audience is a typical normal person; with this in mind, be sure to introduce characters and principles carefully and deliberately. What kind of summary can you provide of the main points or main characters that will help your readers gauge their interest? Does the author's text adequately reach the intended audience? Will some readers be lost or find the text too easy?

Minor principles/characters: Deal only with the most pressing issues in the book. You will not be able to cover every character or idea. What principles/characters did you agree or disagree with? What other things might the author have researched or considered?

Organize: The purpose of the review is to critically evaluate the text, not just inform the readers about it. Leave plenty room for your evaluation by ensuring that your summary is brief. Determine what kind of balance to strike between your summary information and your evaluation. If you are writing your review for a class, ask your instructor. Often the ratio is half and half.

Your Evaluation: Choose one or a few points to discuss about the book. What worked well for you? How does this work compare with others by the same author or other books in the same genre? What major themes, motifs, or terms does the book introduce, and how effective are they? Did the book appeal to you on an emotional or logical way?

Requirements

- Your book review should be typed and submitted in a PDF format.
- Your book review should be in font size 12pt and font type Arial.
- Your book review should be double spaced and should have page numbering.
- You must mention your name on the first page (TOP-LEFT).
- In addition to your original book review content, you must include a page at the end citing all the references you use to prepare your book review. The citation should follow APA style.
- Your book review should be of no more than 2500 words excluding the references.

Topics

On Liberty by John Stuart Mill
The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx
The Return of Depression Economics by Paul Krugman
The Quants by Scott Peterson
Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman
Irrational Exuberance by Robert Shiller
The Worldly Philosophers by Robert Heilbroner
Money and Power by William Cohen
Naked Economics by Charles Wheelan
Why Nations Fail by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson
A Random Walk Down the Wall Street by Burton Malkiel
1984 by George Orwell
Animal Farm by George Orwell (My all time favorite)
Economics in One Lesson by Henry Hazlitt
The Courage to Act by Ben Bernanke
Unintended Consequences by Edward Conard
The Road to Serfdom by F.A. Hayek (Highly Recommended)
The Great Degeneration by Niall Ferguson
End This Depression Now by Paul Krugman
The Bankers' New Clothes by Anat Admati and Martin Hellwig
Economic Facts and Fallacies by Thomas Sowell (One of my favorite economists and an inspiration)
Phishing For Phools by Akerlof and Shiller
Blockchain Revolution by Don and Alex Tapscott
Free to Choose by Milton Friedman (A Must Read)
The Art of Thinking Clearly by Ralf Dobelli
Skin in the Game by Nassim Nicholas Taleb
Intellectuals and Society by Thomas Sowell (Highly Recommended)
Saving Capitalism from The Capitalists by Raghuram Rajan
The Third Pillar by Raghuram Rajan
Success and Luck by Robert Frank
Liar's Poker by Michael Lewis (The funniest read on Wall Street)
The Tyranny of Experts by William Easterly
Banker to the Poor by Muhammad Yunus
Creating a World Without Poverty by Muhammad Yunus (A Must Read)
Good Economics for Hard Times by Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo

If you do not find the aforementioned books interesting enough to write a review on, kindly send me an email suggesting your own book (It must be related to economics) and we can work on that.

Kindly let me know your choice of the book by **February 14th, 2022**. Since each student must choose a distinct book, it will help you to decide on the book as early as possible. Once you have chosen your book, send me an email stating your choice of book. I am here to help at every stage of your preparation towards your final book report. Feel free to send me an email on adesai@gradcenter.cuny.edu, if you have any further questions.