

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing a Book Report (overview)

Title of book: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

### Plot

1. What are the most significant incidents in the novel?

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2. What is the main conflict in the book?

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3. What is the climax of the story?

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4. How does the novel end?

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5. Is the plot/storyline predictable or unpredictable? Explain briefly.

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### **Characters**

1. List the main characters. Write down a significant trait from each one and page numbers of a passage or quotation (something they say) that reveals the kind of person they are.

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2. In what way do the main characters change (behavior/opinions before and after) - if at all? If they don't, explain.

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3. Does the author develop characters enough that you could imagine them existing outside of the book in another setting or series of events? Give one reason.

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4. Complete this sentence:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of protagonist) is the kind of person who

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**Theme**

1. What is the author's main idea or message? List one passage or quotation that shows this.

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**Setting**

1. When and where does the story take place? What is your opinion of this setting?

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2. What are the most important settings in the story?

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**Mood, Tone, Style**

1. What is the overall mood of the book? Humorous? Optimistic? Depressing?  
Entertaining? Preachy? Informative? Provide a sentence or add key words as an example.

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**General reaction**

1. This book \_\_\_\_\_ (name of book) made me realize

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2. The most memorable sentence in the book is:

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3. I \_\_\_\_\_ would/ \_\_\_\_\_ would not recommend this book to anyone who is

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...because... \_\_\_\_\_

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### **About the author and book background**

You will need to do a little research. Add some information about the author: Age, background, nationality and anything else of interest.

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How many books have they written? Are they similar/different? Or is this their first?

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What are they most famous for? Sales: is this book successful? General public reaction?

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Does the cover, title, blurb (at back) and first line of book make the book more interesting or maybe don't do the book justice?

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