

EXPECTATIONS FOR A WELL-WRITTEN BOOK REVIEW

A critical book review evaluates the entire book by providing a summary, analysis, and appraisal of the book.

This assignment will require you to do critical reading, critical thinking, as well as critical writing.

Length: 900 to 1,000 words

Due: 30 April 2019

PARTS	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION OF A WELL-WRITTEN REVIEW	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED	%
Citation		<i>Provides the author, title, publisher, and date of the book in APA format</i>	No citation or improperly formatted	
Introduction	90–100 Words	___ Begin with a catchy first sentence to capture reader's attention ___ Include appropriate author information—why author is qualified to write the book, such as other writings and professional position ___ Include purpose or thesis of the book, and maybe a quote about the book's purpose ___ Smooth transition into the summary	_ Little to no author information _ Begins with the summary _ Lacks transition into summary _ Longer or shorter than 90 to 100 words	10
Summary	135–150 Words	___ Concise and accurate summary of book's content as a whole ___ After the whole book, description of book's sections (if any) ___ Include the author's exact key points in the same order as presented in the book ___ Assumes the reader of the Book Review has not read the book ___ There are no comments about the content of the book ___ Smooth and definite transition into the analysis	_ Summarizes only sections _ Includes comments _ Rearranges order of content _ Lacks transition into analysis _ Longer or shorter than 135 to 500 words	15
Analysis	225–250 Words	___ Analysis of the structure of the book as a whole ___ Analysis of the structure of the book's parts or sections ___ Analysis of how the content is presented ___ Analysis of language ___ Analysis of scholarly apparatus ___ Analysis of format features ___ Smooth and definite transition into the judgement	_ Does not provide adequate analysis of book's structure, content presentation, language, other features _ Lacks a transition _ Longer or shorter than 225 to 250 words	25

Judgement	360–400 Words	___ Well-developed judgement (opinion) on how effectively the author achieved book's book purpose or thesis—at the entire book level and at the various parts and chapters level ___ Evidence (including page numbers) from the book's content supports all positions of the judgement ___ Judgement is objective	_ Not a clear judgement _ Judgement may or may not be adequately supported with evidence from the book's content _ Longer or shorter than 360 to 400 words	40
Conclusion	90–100 Words	___ A concise summary of the review up to this point ___ Impact of the book is given ___ Clarifies who could benefit the most from this book ___ If recommended the significance of the book and the implications of the book for one's life and ministry are highlighted ___ If the book is not recommended the reviewer explains why in a rational manner	_ Little to no summary of the book review _ No impact given _ No clear recommendation _ No explanation of recommendation _ Longer or shorter than 90 to 100 words	10

More Writing Expectations:

- Creatively catch the reader's attention at the beginning of the introduction.
- When you quote or refer to specific content of the book, include the page number where the content is located, using APA formatting.
- Avoid discussing your own views instead of critiquing what the author has written.
- Use a tone that does not attack or excessively flatter the author.
- The book review should smoothly flow from one part to the next part as a single unit.
- Use proper grammar and punctuation.
- Use *TCMI Form and Style Guide* for the formatting of the Book Review assignment.

GRADING OF THE BOOK REVIEW

- The Book Review is to be submitted: 30 April 2019
- Upon guidance from the professor, the review can be re-worked into a final version.
- The final version of the Book Review is to be submitted during the week of 27 June – 3 July 2019.
(The exact date will be announced that week.)