

## Book Review – Children’s Literature

Hello young reader!

Take a look at some book review questions I designed for you to guide you through your reading and writing. In your book review, the focus is MORE on your opinion and LESS on the summary and details. When you summarize books/stories/poems, don't provide too much information. In other words: your summary should be brief. Try to say what you want in a couple of sentences.

First, write a rough copy of your summary. Then, review it and only keep the most important information.

What do you think about this:

"This book is about a boy, named Frederick. Frederick is the main character. There are other characters in the book. Frederick likes to wear a light blue jacket and a pink shirt. He doesn't like to eat strawberries."

What information, do you think, is the most important for your *brief* summary? Unless the story *is* about the boy's blue jacket and his pink shirt, you can omit/erase all this information and only keep the opening sentence.

It might be challenging in the beginning, but with practice, you will learn to write some good summaries.

Just, keep reading and writing!

### Questions to think about when writing your book review:

- a) This is my review of (book title) written by (author) and illustrated by (illustrator, if applicable)
- b) I chose to read this book because \_\_\_\_\_
- c) This book/story/poem is about (summarize – very briefly) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) The main characters in this book/story/poem are: \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Where does the story take place? (if applicable)
- f) This is how I imagine this character (provide your illustration)
- g) \_\_\_\_\_ is my favourite character because \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_ is my least favourite character because \_\_\_\_\_
- i) What surprised me in the book/story/poem is \_\_\_\_\_

- j) What do I think about the book/story/poem's ending?
- k) Would I recommend this book/story/poem? Why or why NOT?
- l) What have I learned from this book/story/poem? What do I think is the author's message here?

### **Making Connections**

#### ***Text to Text***

Does this book/story/poem remind me of anything else I've read before? (Explain)

#### **Text to Self**

Is there a character in the book/story/poem that reminds me of myself or someone I know? (Explain)

#### **Text to World**

Can I make a connection between the book/story/poem and the events taking place in the world today (or a historical event)? (Explain)