

# 5<sup>th</sup> grade Book Challenge Book Review Instructions

Once you have completed reading a book for the Book Challenge, you will write up a short report about the book. Your report will include the following:

## 1. A Cover Sheet

Include your name, author, an illustration of book (don't copy the cover)...



## 2. Introduction: Things to include in the introduction:

- The title (underlined or in quotes) and author of the book
- Why you chose the book
- What is the genre? (Realistic fiction? Historical fiction? Fantasy? Biography? Etc.)

## For Fiction Books

**3. Body:** In this section you want to describe the main parts of a story: theme, setting, plot, and characters. This is a short summary

- **The Theme** is the main idea of the story. Some examples might be the importance of friendship or how to be courageous in a difficult situation. Tell what you think the theme is and how you know.
  - **The Setting** is the time and place of the story. Is it set a long time ago or now? Does it take place in another country or in an imaginary place? How much time passes in the story – a day? A year? A lifetime?
  - **The Plot** is what happens. You want to tell what the story is mostly about. What is the main event or conflict? What things lead up to it? What happens as a result? How does the story end? (Be careful not to give away the ending or secret of the story.)
- \*\*\*Be careful not to re-tell the whole story in detail – you just want to get the audience interested in your book; just say enough about it so the rest of your report will make sense.
- **The Characters:** Who is the story about? The main character is called the protagonist. Who are the other important characters? Do they help or hinder the protagonist?

## For Non-Fiction Books

**3. Body:** Describe the Subject of the book and give details about 3 interesting things you learned from reading this book

**4. Your Opinion:** Once you have summarized the book, you can tell what you think about it. You can write about whatever opinions you have. Just “I liked” or “didn’t like the book” is not an acceptable answer: Some questions you might want to answer are:

- Did you like the book? Why or why not?
- What was the best part of the book? Why?
- How did the story make you feel?
- Would you recommend it to friends?
- Would you read other books by this author?
- What new things did you learn from this book?

**5. Conclusion:** This is just a sentence or two to sum up your report. Give you overall opinion of the book and the most important thing you want other people to know about it.

# Book Challenge Fiction Book Review Graphic Organizer

## INTRODUCTION

**Title:**

**Author:**

**Genre:**

**Why I chose this Book:**

## BODY (For Fiction Books)

**Theme:**

**Setting (When/Where does this take place):**

**Plot (What happened in this story)**

**Characters: (identify the protagonist and other main characters)**

## BODY (for Non-Fiction Books)

**Describe the subject of the book in detail**

**3 Interesting Things I Learned from Reading this Book**

## YOUR OPINION

## CONCLUSION