Book Review

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **book review** tells the title and author, gives a short summary **without the ending**, shares your **opinion** with **reasons**, and says who would enjoy it.

Review words: *I recommend ... My favourite part was ... Readers who like ... will enjoy ...*



1. Parts of a review

Which part of a book review is each sentence?

1	A shy fox moves to a new forest and has to make friends.	summary	opinion	recommend
2	I loved this book because the fox was so brave.	summary	opinion	recommend
3	Readers who like animal stories will enjoy it.	summary	opinion	recommend
4	The funniest part was when the fox tried to climb a tree.	summary	opinion	recommend
5	I recommend it to anyone starting at a new school.	summary	opinion	recommend
6	The fox meets a badger who does not want a neighbour.	summary	opinion	recommend

2. Keep the secret

Circle the best summary sentence. A review never gives away the ending!

1. Which sentence is the best for a book review?

(a) In the end, the fox finds the treasure and becomes king.

(b) A shy fox sets out to find a hidden treasure, but the trail is full of surprises.

(c) This is a book.

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3. Plan your review

Choose a book you have read. Fill in the planner.

Title and author

What is it about? (no ending!)

My opinion and two reasons

My favourite part

Who would enjoy it?

My rating (colour the stars)

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4. Write your book review

Use your planner. Do not give away the ending!

Write a review of a book you have read. Tell what it is about, what you think and why, and who would enjoy it.

Check: ☐ Title and author ☐ Short summary, no ending ☐ Opinion with two reasons ☐ Who would enjoy it ☐ Star rating

Answer Key

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3. Plan your review

Sample notes. Answers will vary.

Title and author
Any book the student has read

What is it about? (no ending!)
The main character, the setting and the problem, in two sentences.

My opinion and two reasons
I loved it because it was funny and the ending surprised me.

My favourite part
One scene, described without spoiling the ending.

Who would enjoy it?
Readers who like adventures, animals or funny stories.

My rating (colour the stars)
★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

Model Answer

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4. Write your book review

A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

Fox Finds a Home is a funny and heartwarming book. It is about a shy fox who moves to a new forest and has to make friends with a grumpy badger. I loved this book for two reasons. First, the fox is brave even when he is scared. Second, the pictures are full of hidden jokes, like a snail reading a newspaper. My favourite part was when the fox tried to climb a tree and got stuck. I give this book four out of five stars. Readers who are starting at a new school will enjoy it.