



To: Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

Topic: Book Review

Message Objectives:

- Learners will be able to critically evaluate a text
- Learners will improve reading, writing, and thinking skills

Message:

A book review is a written evaluation of a book in any genre. It provides the reader with an overview of the book itself and indicate whether the reviewer would recommend the book to other readers or not. Here we will focus on a book review of a story. When we write a book review, we do the following:

- ✓ Start by giving information about the book: **title, author, type of book**
- ✓ Write a summary of the book without giving the plot away.
- ✓ Discuss what we liked about the book and give reasons.
- ✓ Mention things we didn't like about the book, if any, and give reasons.
- ✓ Use descriptive words to evaluate the text e.g., **enjoyable, informative, amazing, boring, funny, exciting etc**
- ✓ Give overall opinion about the book.

The following questions will assist in summarizing, evaluating, and giving your own opinion of the story:

- ✓ What was the story about?
- ✓ Who were the main characters?
- ✓ What did they do?
- ✓ Who was your favourite character? Why
- ✓ Could you relate to any of the characters in the story?
- ✓ Have you ever done or felt some of the things the characters did?
- ✓ Did you like the book?
- ✓ What was your favourite part of the book?
- ✓ Did you have a least favourite part?
- ✓ Would you recommend this book to another person? Why or why not?
- ✓ What type of person would like this book?

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