



Book Review/Book Talk/Podcast

The idea of a book review or book talk is to *briefly* summarize the ideas of the book, but mainly to give your opinion about the book. Just like in the literature critique assignment, ‘critical’ does not imply that you are going to be mean or harsh in your review. It means that you are going to evaluate objectively whether the author(s) have fulfilled their objectives in the book, and whether they have used persuasive and unbiased evidence to support their claims. Did you find the book engaging? Persuasive? Did you agree with it? Did you enjoy it? Would you recommend it to others? What is the intended audience of the book? Does it succeed in reaching this audience?

Work hard on making your book review/book talk relative to a general audience. It should flow and be well organized. You should have an introduction, discussion of the book, and clear conclusion (although these don’t have to be broken into explicit sections – you can write this like an essay). Include:

- (1) The title and author of the book you are reviewing
- (2) The author’s objective(s) and audience
- (3) The author’s main arguments
- (4) Your evaluation of the author’s support of his arguments (provide examples)
- (5) Your evaluation of the author’s interpretation and success with his/her objectives in writing the book (provide examples)
- (6) Comparison with other books or sources if appropriate
- (7) Your conclusions about the book
- (8) Rate the book using emoji’s

Be sure to put any quotes from the book in quotation marks and to cite any sources used.

Your book review may be chosen to be displayed in the Media Center if written and/or posted on the school’s website. Be creative!

Send all submissions to shana.jordan@clayton.k12.ga.us

Enjoy your book!

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