



BOOK REPORTS

FICTION

1. In a brief descriptive statement give the essential information about the book, including the type of novel, the time and place of the plot, the viewpoint, and the author's purpose.
2. State the theme and thesis and briefly describe the way in which the author supports his/her thesis.
3. Summarize the main facts about the plot, including the type of plot, the plot elements, the problem, the principal conflict, and the final solution.
4. Discuss the characters and the characterizations, including main characters and minor characters, and comment on the plausibility of the characters and their motivations. Summarize the author's methods of character revelation or character development. Illustrate your remarks with specific references and quotations.
5. Discuss the style, including elements of originality, viewpoint, methods of presenting ideas, and effectiveness.
6. Evaluate the book by answering the following questions as specifically as possible.
 - a. Has the author accomplished his purpose? How well has he accomplished it?
 - b. Did the book hold your interest? Why or why not?
 - c. Did the author present any new insights into human behavior, human motivations, or human yearnings? Be specific.
 - d. Does the book have plausibility, universality, and dramatic intensity? Support your statements with specific references and quotations.
7. Complete the report with your own comparisons, comments, and conclusions.

NON-FICTION

1. Write a descriptive statement, giving essential information about the book.
2. State the author's purpose.
3. State the theme and the thesis.
4. Explain the method of development.
5. List five or six of the principal topics with which the book deals.
6. Briefly summarize the author's ideas and conclusions about each of the topics you listed. Use specific references and quotations to support your statements.
7. Evaluate the book.
 - a. Content: Interest, adequacy, importance and usefulness.
 - b. Style: Organization, objectivity, interest, skill, and literary significance.
8. Complete the report with your own comparisons, comments, and conclusions.