



Due Date _____

The book you report on:

- Must be a fiction chapter book.
- Must not also be a movie. For example: Matilda, James and the Giant Peach, Shiloh, etc.

1. Cover

- Title of book
- Author
- Colorful illustration
- Your name

2. Report:

Describe the setting.

Tell where and when the story takes place. Use sensory details to describe the setting. You might also consider these questions:

- ❖ Does the setting change during the story? How do the changes affect the story?
- ❖ Does something happen in the story that is directly connected to the time and place of the story?
- ❖ Does the character act a certain way because of the time or place in which he or she lives?

Example Starter Frames: The story _____ takes place _____. The setting is/has _____, _____, and _____. The location changes to _____ when _____. The setting is important to the story because _____. If the setting were different then _____.

Give a short summary of the story.

Describe the major events that take place in the story. Use your own words. Just give the highlights—Don't retell the whole book! This part should not take more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page. Points will be taken off if your summary is too long.

Example Starter Frames: The story was mostly about _____. First, _____. Next, _____. Finally, _____.

Do a character study.

Choose the main character or your personal favorite character to write about.

1. Describe how the character looked.
2. List 3 words that would describe this character's personality. Give an example from the story that supports your choices.
3. Tell whether you would like to have this character as a friend and why or why not.

Example Starter Frames: An important character in the story was _____. _____'s _____ was _____. He/she had _____. Three words that would describe _____ are _____, _____, and _____. I would/would not like _____ for my friend because _____.

□ **Choose ONE of the following options:**

- a.) Describe a problem that one of the characters in your story faced. Devise a plan to solve the problem in a new and creative way.
- b.) Pretend you are a reporter interviewing a character from your book. Write 3 story related questions that you would ask the character, and write the responses from the character's point of view.
- c.) Write a new ending to the story.
- d.) Choose a quote from the story. Copy a quote from the book and tell why it has special meaning for you. **Don't** just say, "I liked it." Tell why you liked it.

Example Starter Frames:

a) A problem from the story was _____. I would solve this problem by _____.

b) Reporter: _____, Character: _____
 Question Answer

c) A different ending for _____ could be _____.

d) A quote from the book that had special meaning for me was " _____ ". I like the quote because _____.

□ **Recommendation.**

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Tell why or why not.

Example Starter Frames: I would/would not recommend this book to a friend because _____. I think someone who _____ would like this book because _____.

Tips:

- Follow the guidelines **exactly** and **in order**. Use the checklist.
- Each section is a new paragraph. The first sentence must clearly describe your topic. Add supporting details.
- Be sure to edit your report for spelling and punctuation. Ask someone at home to help you with this.
- Use your best handwriting or a computer font size between 14 and 16.
- Do not wait until the last minute to start.