

Mastering the Book Review

Learning objective: To understand the key features and vocabulary needed to write a persuasive and informative book review.

Read the term or question on the front of the card, then flip it over to check if your answer matches the definition. Pip the caterpillar can help you collect these words for your own writing!

What is a Book Review?

Book Review: A piece of writing that tells other people what a book is about and whether it is worth reading.

What does 'Plot' mean?

Plot: The sequence of events that happen in a story, from the beginning to the end.

What is the 'Genre' of a book?

Genre: The category or type of story, such as fantasy, mystery, historical fiction, or science fiction.

What is the 'Setting'?

Setting: Where and when the story takes place.

What is an 'Opinion'?

Opinion: A personal thought or feeling about the book, such as why you liked or disliked a certain part.

What is a 'Recommendation'?

Recommendation: A suggestion at the end of the review telling the reader if they should read the book and who might enjoy it.

What is a 'Character'?

Character: A person, animal, or creature in the story.

What is a 'Critique'?

Critique: A detailed analysis or evaluation of the book, looking at what worked well and what could be improved.

Why should you avoid 'Spoilers' in a review?

Spoilers: These are details that give away the ending or a big surprise, which ruins the excitement for new readers.

What are 'Adjectives' and why are they useful in reviews?

Adjectives: Describing words (like 'thrilling' or 'boring') that help the reader understand exactly how the book felt.

What is a 'Star Rating'?

Star Rating: A quick visual way to show how much you liked a book, usually out of five stars.

What should be included in the introduction of a review?

Introduction: The title of the book, the author's name, and a brief mention of the genre.