

Book Review Vocabulary Mastery Mat

Learning objective: To develop sophisticated vocabulary for critiquing literature and expressing personal viewpoints in formal writing.

Key Vocabulary

Use this vocabulary mat to refine your book reviews. Terms are grouped by their function in your writing. Use these to move beyond simple words like 'good' or 'bad'.

Protagonist The main character in a story, o...	Antagonist A character or force that oppose...	Atmosphere The mood or feeling created by...
Compelling Something so interesting or exci...	Climax The most exciting or intense part of t...	Explain why an a...
Compare and con...	Justify your ans... Does a story need a clea...	What might happ...
If you were writin...	Critique this stat... 'A book review is just a ...	