

Mastering the Book Review

Learning objective: To understand and use the key vocabulary required to write a clear, persuasive book review.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you write your review. The words are grouped into: 'Describing the Story', 'Sharing Your Opinion', and 'The Technical Bits'.

Plot The sequence of main events that make...	Setting Where and when the story takes pla...	Protagonist The main character or 'hero' of ...
Antagonist The character who opposes the ...	Genre The category of the book, such as fan...	Conflict The main problem or struggle that t...
Climax The most exciting or important point ...	Resolution How the story ends and how the...	Recommendation Suggesting whether other...
Critique A detailed analysis and assessment...	Opinion Your personal feeling or thought ab...	Justify Giving reasons or evidence to explai...
Engaging Something that holds your attentio...	Predictable When you can easily guess wha...	Pace How fast or slow the story seems to m...
Theme The big idea or lesson behind the sto...	Narrator The person who tells the story to th...	Cliffhanger An ending that leaves the reader...