

Pip's Literary Critic Challenge

Learning objective: To evaluate a book by expressing personal opinions, identifying key themes, and justifying recommendations using sophisticated vocabulary.

Pip the bookworm needs your help! You are acting as a professional literary critic. Choose a book you have recently finished. Complete the critique sheet by selecting the most precise vocabulary from the word bank to justify your opinions. Ensure your justifications demonstrate a deep understanding of the text's impact on the reader.

Word bank: captivating · thought-provoking · climax · protagonist · superfluous · evocative · predictable · nuanced · resolution · character development

1. Who is the protagonist of your chosen book, and how does their character development influence the story's overall tone? (3 marks)

2. Explain why the author's use of language is evocative. Provide an example from the text to support your view. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the climax of your book with the resolution. Was the ending satisfying? Justify your answer. (3 marks)

4. If you could change one event in the plot to make it more thought-provoking, what would you change and why? (3 marks)

5. What might happen to the story if the setting were changed to an entirely different location or time period? (3 marks)

6. Is there any part of the narrative that you felt was superfluous? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbolic representation of the book's central theme. Instead of drawing a literal scene, use colours and shapes to represent the emotions or the 'message' you felt while reading.



Extension challenge: Write a formal letter to the author of the book. In your letter, use the word bank vocabulary to praise a specific aspect of their writing style and offer a professional suggestion on how they could expand a secondary character's role in a sequel.