

Writing a Brilliant Book Review with Pip

Learning objective: To write a structured book review using persuasive language and personal opinion, suitable for Year 5 readers.

Follow this writing frame to share your thoughts on a book you have recently finished. Use the word bank to make your sentences more interesting and ensure you justify your opinions with examples from the story.

In the exciting tale of 'The Hidden Forest Path', the author takes the reader on a breath-taking journey through an enchanted woodland.

Word bank: Furthermore · In my opinion · The plot thickens when · Captivating · A significant turning point · Despite this · I would highly recommend · Exquisitely written · The character development · However

1. Introduction: Start by stating the title and author, then explain why you chose to read this book. Did the cover grab your attention? (2 marks)

2. Summary: Briefly outline the main plot without giving away the ending. What is the main conflict or challenge the hero faces? (3 marks)

3. Character Analysis: Describe your favourite character. What are their personality traits and how do they change throughout the story? (3 marks)

4. Personal Opinion: What was your favourite part of the book and why? Did you find any parts confusing or slow? (3 marks)

5. Recommendation: Who would you suggest this book to? Give a final star rating out of five and explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph from the perspective of one of the characters in your book, explaining how they felt at the most exciting moment of the story.