

Mastering the Art of the Book Review with Pip

Become a Literary Critic: Share your voice, inspire a reader, and unlock the magic of the written word!

- A stellar review provides a concise summary of the plot without revealing the resolution or the 'big twists' that spoil the surprise for future readers.
- When describing characters, aim to analyse their motivations and growth rather than simply listing the events that happened to them.
- Use emotive and descriptive language to convey the atmosphere of the setting; does the author create a sense of mystery, joy, or suspense?
- A strong review always includes a clear recommendation, explaining exactly why a specific type of reader would enjoy this particular narrative.
- Structure your writing with logical paragraphs, using conjunctions and adverbials to ensure your argument flows smoothly from one point to the next.

Did you know? Did you know that the word 'review' comes from the Old French 'reveoir', meaning 'to see again'? When you write a book review, you are looking at the story again through your own unique lens, helping others decide if they want to embark on the same literary journey!

Key vocabulary: Protagonist · Narrative · Atmosphere · Persuasive · Recommendation · Vocabulary · Characterisation · Cohesion