

Literary Explorer: Comprehensive Book Review Template

Learning objective: To analyse, evaluate, and provide a critical response to a text, using evidence to justify personal opinions.

Choose a book you have recently finished. Use this template to explore the deeper meaning of the story. Think carefully about the author's choices and how they influence the reader. Use the word bank to help you construct sophisticated sentences.

Word bank: atmosphere · protagonist · climax · foreshadowing · evocative · perspective · narrative · dilemma · resilience · convey

1. Summarise the central dilemma faced by the protagonist. Explain why this challenge is significant to the development of the plot. (3 marks)

2. Identify one moment of foreshadowing in the book. Explain how this moment hints at later events in the narrative. (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the main character's personality at the beginning of the book versus the end. Justify your answer with evidence from the text. (4 marks)

4. How does the author create a specific atmosphere through their choice of vocabulary? Provide an example of an evocative phrase used. (3 marks)

5. What might happen if the story were told from the perspective of a different character? How would the reader's understanding of the events change? (3 marks)

6. Critically evaluate the author's ending. Do you believe it was a satisfying conclusion? Justify your stance using specific details from the book. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents the story's climax, focusing on the lighting and mood to reflect the atmosphere of that moment.



Extension challenge: Write a short letter (100–150 words) to the author of the book. In your letter, pose an insightful question about their creative process and explain which specific part of the book left the most lasting impression on you and why.