

Writing a Brilliant Book Review: Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To use sophisticated vocabulary to evaluate and critique a text, focusing on personal opinion and justification.

Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to help you write a persuasive and thoughtful book review. The terms are grouped into categories: Describing the Plot, Sharing Your Opinion, and Evaluating the Writing.

Compelling A story that is so interesting you...	Atmospheric The writing creates a strong fe...	Protagonist The main character in the story.
Subplot A smaller story that happens alongs...	Climax The most exciting or intense part of t...	Engrossing Something that holds your full at..
Captivating Something that delights you or ...	Perspective The point of view from which th...	Recommendation Explaining why you sugg...
Enthralling Something that captures your in...	Characterisation How the author describes ...	Imaginative Showing creativity and new, inte..
Suspenseful A feeling of tension or excitem...	Pacing The speed at which the story moves ...	Thought-provoki... Something that makes ...
Dynamic A character who changes or grows ...		