

Year 6 English Assessment: Crafting a Persuasive Book Review

Learning objective: To evaluate a text, justify opinions with evidence, and use formal language to persuade others to read a book.

Read the provided book review by Pip the Bookworm carefully. Answer all questions below using full sentences where required. Ensure your spelling and punctuation are accurate.

I recently finished reading 'The Whispering Forest' by E. A. Sterling. This adventure story follows a young explorer named Sam who discovers a map hidden inside a hollow oak tree. The author's descriptive language is truly impressive; the forest feels alive with every page turn. I particularly enjoyed the way the author built suspense during the cave exploration scene. While the middle section felt a little slow, the dramatic ending made up for it. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves mysteries, as it kept me guessing until the very last chapter.

Word bank: compelling · characterisation · suspenseful · recommendation · justification · narrative · vocabulary · insightful

1. Identify one piece of evidence from the text that shows Pip enjoyed the ending of the story. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. What is the primary purpose of a book review? Explain why it is important to include a balanced view (both positive and negative points). (3 marks) (3 marks)

3. Find and copy one adjective used by the reviewer to describe the author's use of language. (1 mark) (1 mark)

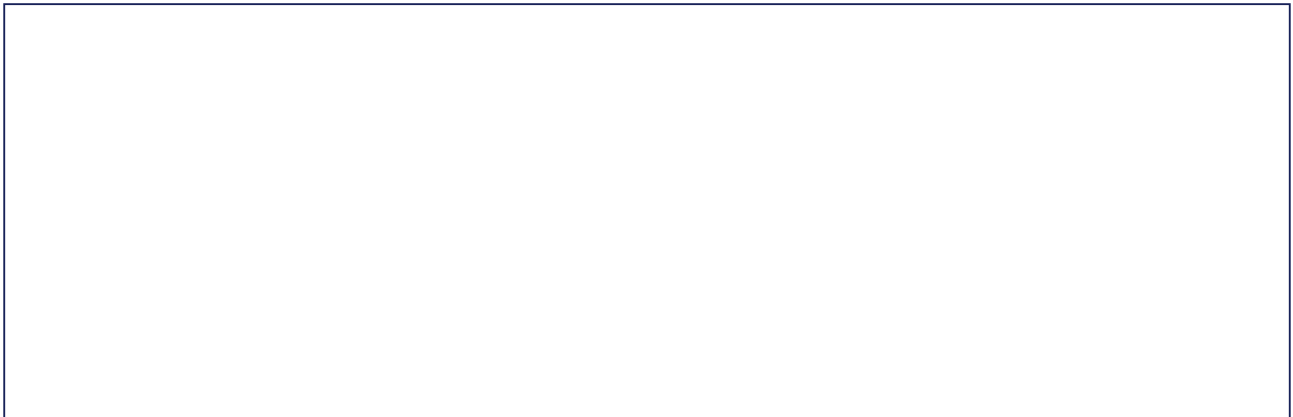
4. If you were writing a review for a book you had read, why would you need to consider your target audience? (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. Explain what is meant by the term 'characterisation' and why it is a key feature in a compelling review. (3 marks) (3 marks)

6. Identify the genre of the book mentioned in the passage and suggest one other genre that might appeal to the same reader. (2 marks) (2 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Write a persuasive paragraph (approx. 80-100 words) recommending your favourite book. You must include a brief summary, a mention of your favourite character, and a clear reason why others should read it. Use formal tone and sophisticated vocabulary. (8 marks) (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a book cover for 'The Whispering Forest' based on the clues in Pip's review. Include the hollow oak tree and a mysterious map.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension: Research the difference between a 'summary' and a 'critique'. Write three bullet points explaining how you would change your review if you were writing it for a 6-year-old compared to a 60-year-old.