

Max's Brilliant Book Review Template

Learning objective: To evaluate a book by expressing personal opinions and providing a balanced critique with supporting evidence.

Max the monkey believes every book is a puzzle waiting to be solved. Use this template to share your thoughts on a book you have recently finished. Think carefully about why you enjoyed it (or why you didn't) and use descriptive language to explain your views to other readers.

Word bank: captivating · suspenseful · protagonist · climax · predictable · vivid · resolution · thought-provoking · narrative · atmosphere

1. Book Title and Author: Write the full title of the book and the name of the author. Give a one-sentence summary of the plot without revealing the ending. (2 marks)

2. The Protagonist: Describe the main character. What are their strengths? What challenges do they face throughout the story? (3 marks)

3. Most Memorable Moment: Identify a specific part of the book that you found exciting, funny, or surprising. Why did this part stand out to you? (3 marks)

4. The Author's Craft: How did the author use language to create an atmosphere? Give an example of a descriptive phrase or an interesting technique they used. (3 marks)

5. Personal Recommendation: Would you recommend this book to a friend? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a 'blurb' for the back cover of this book that would convince a classmate to read it in under 50 words.