

Pip's Literary Review: A Book Comprehension Template

Learning objective: To analyse a text by identifying key themes, character motivations, and personal responses, as expected for Year 6 reading comprehension.

Read your chosen book carefully. Use this template to record your thoughts, focusing on the writer's craft and your own interpretation. Write in full, grammatically correct sentences, ensuring you use evidence from the text to support your points.

Word bank: atmosphere · perspective · metaphor · development · inference · vocabulary · narrative · significant

1. The Hook: Briefly summarise the main plot. What is the central conflict or challenge the protagonist faces in the opening chapters? (3 marks)

2. Character Insight: Choose a character and describe how their personality changes throughout the story. Use evidence from the text to explain why they changed. (4 marks)

3. Author's Intent: Select a powerful descriptive passage. Why do you think the author chose these specific words to create an atmosphere for the reader? (3 marks)

4. Theme and Meaning: What is the main message or 'moral' of the story? How does the author convey this theme to the reader? (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you were the protagonist, would you have made the same decisions? Explain your reasoning using your own experiences or logic. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Pip the bookworm. Write a formal letter to the author of your book, explaining which character you found most fascinating and asking them one insightful question about the writing process.