

Your Name _____ **Period** ____ **Date** _____

Book Review Prewrite

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____ Number of Pages: _____

Setting (Where and when does the book take place?): _____

Description of Main Characters: _____

Narrative Point of View (Who is telling the story? First person? Third person?)

Plot Summary (Without giving away the whole story, summarize what happens.)

What things did you like about the book? _____

Two quotes from the book that illustrate something you liked (include page numbers):

(Example: If you think it was funny, find two examples of funny things and quote them. Use EXACT quotes and quotation marks.)

What things did you NOT like about the book? _____

Two quotes from the book that illustrate something you didn't like (include page numbers):

Theme: A theme is not a moral or a lesson. It is just **a statement about the way things are that the book supports**. A theme does not express right or wrong, and it does not include the word *should/shouldn't*. A theme does not cast judgment; it just says how things are. Also, the theme is a universal idea that applies to everyone, not just to the characters in the book, so don't name specific characters or actions from the book when you state the theme. Example of a theme from *Jurassic Park*: Those who mess with nature are often destroyed by it. (This is illustrated by the story because in *Jurassic Park*, many of the scientists who bring back the dinosaurs get eaten by the dinosaurs. But the theme statement doesn't actually refer to the specific characters or events. Get it?)

State one theme of the book: _____

When you begin to write your formal review, be sure to include these things in your introduction, along with the title and the author's name:

Who is the intended audience of this book? _____

What is the main issue or problem the book addresses? _____

Is there anything unique about the book, something that sets it apart? How is it different than most other books?

Do you recommend the book? (Circle one.) Yes No