

Writing Book or Article Reports

1. Refer to the book cover and first pages, or the headlines of your article, to identify the following :
Author's full name :
Title of the book / or article :
Publisher of the book / or title of the Magazine :
Date and place of publication of the book / or date of publication and volume (issue) of the magazine :
2. What is the book's genre (for example thriller, historical fiction, science fiction, romance, travelog, etc.) ? Or what kind of article is it (academic paper, blog, encyclopedia article, marketing articles, etc.) ?
3. Write a brief summary of the main plot, story line, or thesis of the book or article.
 - While reading take notes about the main ideas and key examples or major supporting ideas (underline them)
 - Start writing your summary with the main idea first, then the major supporting ideas and examples.
 - The summary should be written in your own words. The reader has to understand it without referring to the original text.
4. Write your response to the book.
 - a. Did you like/not like the book or article ? Why ?
 - Relate the content of the book or article to your feelings and emotions. How did the book make you feel ? Did you identify with any of the characters or ideas ?
 - b. Write your own perspective or evaluation of this book based on your personal experience and readings.
 - Relate the content of the book or article to ideas discussed in class, or in other books and articles.
 - Relate the content of the book or article to present concerns.
 - c. Would you recommend it to other readers ? Why ?
 - How would you evaluate the main points of the book or article ? Is the sequence of ideas organized ? Are the examples accurate ? Does it leave an overall good or bad impression ?

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