

Summer Reading, 2023

Directions: Choose one of the following books from the 2023-2024 Battle of the Books list to read over the summer. Once you have read your book, create a typed book review. Use the following requirements to design and lay out your review. Your book review will be due at the end of the first week of school.

Author	Title
Anderson, John Davi	Ms. Bixby's Last Day
Erdrich, Louise	The Birchbark House
Fipps, Lisa	Starfish
Kelly, Lynne	Song for a Whale
North, Sterling	Rascal
Shetterly, Margot Lee	Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition
Soontornvat, Christina	The Last Mapmaker
Swanson, James L.	Chasing Lincoln's Killer
Taylor, Mildred D.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Wilson, Diane Lee	I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade

Book Review Guidelines

Heading:

1. The title of your book should be centered on your page, typed in 36 point font.
2. Below the title should be your name in 11 point font.
3. Below your name should be a rating system in 30 point font that gives a quick way for your reader to determine whether you would or would not recommend this book. Feel free to be creative with how you rate your book.

Body:

1. Your first paragraph should tell a little about the protagonist/main character and the antagonist/problem. This paragraph should include the main conflict.

- a. This should be a well-developed and thought out paragraph, giving ample detail to show that you read and understand the story.
2. The next paragraph should tell about your favorite scene without giving away the ending of the story.
 - a. You should include all important details and an explanation of why you like this part of the story.
3. The last line of your review should tell whether you would or would not recommend this book.

Rubric:

	15 points	10 points	5 points
Protagonist/ Antagonist/ Conflict	Your description of the protagonist, antagonist, and conflict is well developed without giving away any of othe ending but keeping your reader interested.	Your description of the protagonist, antagonist, and conflict is well developed without giving away any of the ending.	Your description of the protagonist, antagonist, and conflict is not well developed and gives little thought to paragraph development.
Favorite Part	Your favorite part was explained and elaborated. I understand why this is your favorite part.	Your favorite part is explained but I don't understand why this is your favorite.	Your explanation is minimal and does not enhance the review.
Format	All Formatting is correct and follows direction	There are several mistakes in formatting.	No consideration was taken to directions and formatting is incorrect.

=45 total points

Sample Report:

Wonder

Ms. Lentz

9/10 Stars!

Wonder's Proagonist is Auggie who has Treacher Collins Syndrome. This makes his physical appearance different from other kids his age. Due to his insecurities and health issues, he has not started school until middle school; he has homeschooled up until this point. There are many antatgonists in the story, including the syndrome itself. Even Auggie's best friend, Jack Will, is an antagonist at times, making fun of Auggie when he didn't think he was around. The main antagonist is Julian, who bullies Auggie because of his physical appearance. He implies that Auggie is dumb, and he influences other studnets to be mean to him too.

My favorite part of the story is when Auggie starts to come around to accepting Jack Will as his friend again. The two start to form a bond, and this bond leads Jack Will to stand up for Auggie against Julian's bullying. Jack Will is redeemed in this scene from when he made fun of Auggie. I'm glad that this happened because despite Jack Will's mistake, I really like him. I would absolutely recommend this book to a friend.