

1. Don't do a plot summary. You need to think about what the book means, how it connects to other books or to your personal life, etc.
2. Use at least two quotations from the book to illustrate whatever point you are making
3. The body must contain at least **three well-developed paragraphs**, each with a topic sentence and supporting reasons, illustrations, or examples. **The entire letter should be at least 500 words long.**
4. Reports that are too brief or that contain too many spelling and grammar errors will not be graded.

Format:

Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Introduction:

Title, author, brief summary, number of pages

Body:

The writer may:

- \* write about an idea or character that interests you.
- \* write about your reading: what you are enjoying, what puzzles you, what you are learning from your book.
- \* write about what you noticed about the book.
- \* react to the content of the book.
- \* make connections between the author's works, other texts, movies, your life, and if possible, the author's life.
- \* identify examples of and provide commentary about the author's use of imagery, detail, diction, theme, figurative language, or sound devices.
- \* provide commentary on the author's purpose if possible.
- \* pose question(s) about the book.

Sincerely,

Your name