How to Write a Book Review

A book review is an essay whose purpose is to comment on a particular work or a series of works bearing upon a single subject or related subjects. The most important element about a book review to remember is that it is a commentary, not merely a summary.

The bulk of your review, therefore, should concentrate on your evaluation of the way the author(s) handled the issues discussed. What is (are) the overall thesis(es) -- the points of view or conclusion? What are your reactions? Did the book(s) enhance your understanding of the issues?

TITLE PAGE- Centered, double spaced.

INTRODUCTION

An introduction to the author(s), including the book title and place of work, and some indication of Who the author is.

What are the author’s relevant qualifications and background for writing on this subject?

What were his or her reasons for writing this book? (Often the preface contains such information)

SYNOPSIS

Summarize the main points of the book. Be sure to use your own words.

CRITIQUE

Has each author achieved the purpose, explicit or implicit, for writing the book?

Has the book challenged you intellectually, increasing your knowledge, raising new questions?

What has the book contributed to your professional development? How can you use the information in the book in your own life?

Would you recommend any or all of these books, and to whom?

USE APA format – 12 inch font, times new roman or courier font, one inch margins top, bottom, left, right, Use a black font, pagination in the upper right