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## Guidelines for Writing a Book Report

Write your book report in paragraph form. Use complete sentences, correct spelling, correct punctuation, and correct capitalization. Your book report should be **typed**. Include the following in your book report.

- Begin with an introduction. This lets others know what your summary will be about. First, state the title of the book (underline it!) and the author's name. Next, tell whether the book is fiction or non-fiction. You can also tell the genre of the book (science fiction, mystery, adventure, biography, ect.). Then write a one-sentence summary of what the book is about. Last, explain why you chose this book. For example, "I read Brave Norman by Andrew Clements. This book is about a dog that helps people. I chose this book because I have a dog like Norman."
- Describe the setting. This is where and when the story takes place. It might be in a building, outside, or in an imaginary place. The time might be now or a long time ago. Write about where and when the story takes place.
- Describe the main character(s). Most stories have a main character and one or two others who are important. Choose 1 or 2 important characters from this book and describe them. Write about what they look like, what they like to do, and how they act—silly, honest, smart. Describe some things that make the character(s) special.
- Write a summary (the important ideas) of the plot. The plot tells what happens to the main character(s). Usually there is a problem to solve. This is called the conflict. Explain what happens in the beginning, the middle, and the end. Explain the main problem or conflict the characters have to solve and how they do it.
- End with a conclusion. This is where you give your opinion of the story. Write a paragraph telling whether or not you liked the book and the reason(s) why. Also tell about what you have learned. Be specific.

**This format must be used from January to June.**