



Review



Features of a Book Review Checklist

Have I... ✓

included the title and the name of the author (and illustrator if required)?	
used capital letters appropriately?	
included my name and age in brackets?	
used the present tense?	
used the first person (I, me, my)?	
engaged the reader by asking a question at the beginning?	
written a short summary of the book?	
commented on characters I particularly like or feel empathy with?	
made sure that I have not given away the ending?	
stated where this book sits in a series, and whether I will read the next book?	
used powerful verbs to describe the action?	
used powerful adjectives and adverbs to add further detail?	
given my opinion using phrases such as 'because', 'in my opinion', 'I think that'?	
stated who I would recommend this book to, and why?	
given marks out of ten or a star rating?	
made predictions, especially about the ending?	

Features of a Film Review Checklist

Have I... ✓

included the title of the film, the year it was made and who directed it?	
opened my review with a strong first sentence that makes the reader want to read on?	
included the genre of film?	
mentioned some of the key actors by name?	
stated who the film is targeted at?	
given a summary of the plot without giving away the ending?	
stated where this film sits in a series, and whether I would watch the next film (if there is one)?	
given my opinion of the film?	
used powerful adjectives and adverbs to add further detail?	
mentioned the strengths of the film, with specific detail?	
mentioned the weaknesses of the film, with specific detail?	

Of Mice and Men is a superb, thrilling and exciting book. The story starts with the two main characters, George and Lennie, on the run from a town called Weed. What could they be running from?

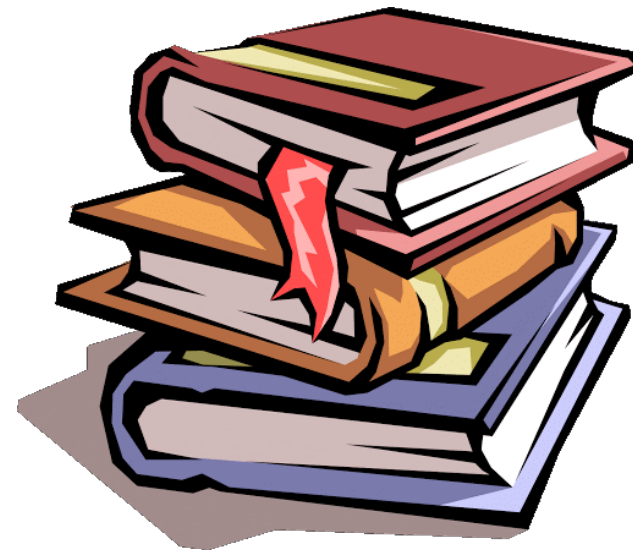
When they arrive at a new ranch, they meet a variety of interesting characters: Candy, who only has one hand; Curley, who is always looking for a fight; Slim, who everybody respects and looks up to.

The theme of death runs through the book, starting with an innocent mouse...but how will it end?

This book will appeal to anyone with a love of fast-paced, exciting stories that are filled with description, emotion and tragedy.



Examples of book reviews



Piles is the most boring book I have ever read. Who wants to read about young boys creating piles of dirt? The story centres around Sidney Yendis, a boy who is accused of stealing a pair of underpants belonging to a famous football player.

It is a ridiculous, confusing and depressing story involving spades, eels and jars of sprouts. Sidney is sent to Camp Grey River, in order to create piles of dirt exactly five feet wide and five feet high in the freezing cold. Will he escape? Who cares!

This book should look at what is and isn't a suitable punishment for young people. Instead, you are left wondering if the poor footballer ever gets his pants back.

I can't see anyone enjoying this book, unless they are interested in pants, sprouts and piles of dirt. Don't waste your time; find a better book.



You could review:

- Films you have watched recently
- Books you have read this year

