

Directions for Book Review 7th Grade

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A typed review is required for your summer reading. Use the MLA Report template in Google Doc or follow the directions below for correct MLA format (You do NOT have to include a Works Cited Page):

- Length: 1 – 1 ½ pages
- Font: Times New Roman
- Size: 12 point
- Margins: 1 inch top-bottom-left-right
- Lines: Double-space (Indent each paragraph)

See the example provided for *Stepping on the Cracks* by Mary Downing Hahn. Your book review should include:

- Name of the book (in italics) and the author
- Small image of the book cover
- First paragraph: Brief introduction and overview of the setting, main characters, and plot. The plot should also introduce the conflict in the story.
- Second paragraph: Describe the plot in a little more detail, giving more information regarding the conflict and the climax (highest point of tension in the story). Don't give away everything...you don't want to spoil the ending for other readers!
- Third paragraph: Share your personal opinion. How did you feel about the book? Did you like it? Why or why not? How would you describe the writing style-serious, funny, emotional, thought-provoking? How did the book make you feel when you finished? Is there a lesson you think the author might be trying to communicate to readers? If so, what is it? Finally, would you recommend this book?
- Include in the first or last paragraph which award the book received (Newbery, previous South Carolina Junior Book Award, or a 2019-2020 South Carolina Junior Book Award nominee).

I look forward to reading your reviews and recommendations. Your book review is due the first full day of school.

Enjoy your summer, reading!

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