

Directions for Book Review 8th Grade

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A typed review is required for your summer reading. Correct MLA format required - HINT: Use the MLA Report template in Google Docs. Length Requirement: 1- 1 ½ pages.

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
- 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, reflective? 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? Would you read another book by this author? Would you recommend this book?
- Include in the first or last paragraph which award the book received (Newbery, previous South Carolina Junior Book Award, 2019-2020 South Carolina Junior Book Award nominee, or American Library Association Notable Book).

One last note, be sure to have your review complete and ready to turn in to your teacher the first full day of school.

Enjoy your summer, reading!

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