Book Review Rubric

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	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Total
Content	This review includes a clearly stated opinion about the book, two strong reasons supported with specific examples from the book, and a recommendation to the reader.	This review includes an opinion, two reasons supported by examples from the book, and a recommendation to the reader.	The review does in include an opinion or does not include two reasons with examples from the book. The recommendation may be missing.	
Organization	The opinion, reasons, examples from the book, and recommendation are included, organized into four paragraphs, and placed correctly.	The opinion, reasons, examples from the book, and recommendation are included and organized into four paragraphs. Most are placed correctly.	The review is not written as four paragraphs, or few parts of the review are placed correctly.	
Connection with Audience	The review engages the audience, provides convincing support for the opinion, and generates interest in the book.	The review provides convincing support for the opinion and generates interest in the book.	The review does not provide convincing support for the opinion and does not generate interest in the book.	
Word Choice	The writer uses many interesting words. Transition words are used effectively to connect the writer's ideas.	The writer uses some interesting words. Transition words may connect the writer's ideas.	The writer uses very few interesting words or transition words.	
Sentence Fluency	All sentences are clear, easy to understand, and tell a complete thought.	Most sentences are clear, easy to understand, and tell a complete thought.	Few sentences are clear, easy to understand, and tell a complete thought.	
Conventions	There are no grade-level capitalization, punctuation, and spelling errors.	There are a few grade- level capitalization, punctuation, and spelling errors.	There are many grade- level capitalization, punctuation, and spelling errors.	
Presentation	The final copy is written in cursive or typed. It is legible, neat, and according to directions.	The final is reasonably legible and neat and is mostly written according to directions.	The final copy is difficult to read or was not written according to directions.	
Preparedness	The book review was turned in on time and all steps of the writing process were included (outline, first draft, revised draft).	The book review was turned in one day late and included most of the steps of the writing process (outline, first, draft, revised draft).	The book review was turned in more than one day late or was missing two or more steps (outline, first draft, revised draft). Total	

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