

Literature with Mr. Kennar  
What to Include in a Book Report

Due date:

Your book report must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12pt. font, and 1.5-3 pages in length (25 points). Please include the following information:

Introduction:

1. Heading (your name & date)
2. Title and author
3. Publication information (publisher, year, number of pages)
4. Genre (realistic fiction, poetry, mystery, fantasy, etc.)

The body of your paper must include a paragraph (or more) on each of the following:

5. Setting—Where/when does the story take place? Do your best to describe it for us.
6. Characters—describe the main character. Is there more than one? Who are some supporting characters? Give a description of each and share any personal connections you may have.
7. Plot—what is the story about? What happens to the main character? PLEASE do not tell every single thing that happens in your book. Instead, summarize by picking the most important details and events and write about those. Hint at the story's conclusion without totally giving it away—Hey, I might want to read the book someday!
8. Conclude with a paragraph responding to three or more of the following:

What did you think about the story? What impression did it leave you with—did you like it? Would you recommend it to others? Why? What larger idea does the story illustrate? Would you read another selection by this author? How did you feel about the style of writing, the mood, and/or the setting? How did this story make you think/feel/act? Did it change your life? Come up with your own questions to address or comments about the book.

For any of the above questions, please be descriptive and thorough, and share your personal thoughts and feelings with us. Using examples and details from the text is always a nice touch.

If it is your turn to give an oral presentation, please include the above information in a visual format of your choice in a 5-8 minute presentation—you do not need to turn in a typed paper, but presentation notes are always recommended. Be prepared to present on the day it is due. If you have any further questions about it, ask me. Enjoy!