

**Your Book Report should include the following typed in MLA format with the proper heading, including a works cited page for all sources used to gather information, and printed for the first day of class:**

**Your Name and Grade**

**Name of the Book**

**Name of the Author**

**Background/Introduction of the Author**

Describe who the author is, when they were born, when/if they died, what their life was like, where they grew up, hardships, successes, etc. Give a short biography of the author. This section should be at least 5-7 sentences.

**Summary of the book**

The summary of the book should include specific events and themes the book presents in order of how it is written. This section should be at least three paragraphs (5-7 sentences per paragraph).

**Your opinion of what you read**

This section should include how you feel about the topics presented in the book, how you think the book could have been better or worse, OR a defense as to why you think the book presents themes that someone may not see as easily. This section should be at least two paragraphs (5-7 sentences per paragraph).

**Your “sales pitch”**

This last section should be 5-7 sentences as to why someone else should or should not read the book. Be convincing, and don't simply repeat the things you mentioned before in the report!

**An example is on the following page.**

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*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

This is where you would introduce the author and talk about who they are, where they came from, their life, etc. This paragraph should be at least 5-7 sentences describing the author. Make sure you double-check your grammar. If you read your paper aloud and find that some of it doesn't make sense, then try to re-word it so that it makes sense when you read it aloud. If you use any information from other resources (which most of you will), then you need to cite the information in MLA format on a works cited page. A works cited page should be on a separate page at the end of your document.

This next section should be three paragraphs, each paragraph consisting of 5-7 sentences of summary information.

Talk about what happens in the story in the order that it happens. You might also want to talk about different themes or messages you see in the book.

Don't forget that each paragraph needs to be indented! Obviously, my body paragraphs do not follow all the directions on the sentences, but I want you to have an idea of what it will look like and the order in which your information should proceed.

This next section should be your opinion of the book and the contents of the story. Talk about what the book means to you and what you wish you could change or what you would never want to change.

Your opinion should consist of two paragraphs, 5-7 sentences each. Please don't just tell me it was a good book. Tell me *why* it was a good book.

Your sales pitch is like a conclusion. Without repeating what you have said before (especially in the opinion section!), tell me why I should or should not read the book. Be specific with your reasoning.