

Sample outline for a book review essay sample



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Introductory Paragraph

- Identify the title, the author, and the publisher of the book.
- Summarize the main idea/theme of the book you are reviewing in one or two sentences.
- Write your thesis (what you think of the book).
 - Example: I loved the book but I had some problems with it.
 - Example: I thought the book has useful information for parents of deaf children.

Body Paragraph(s)

- Summarize the important points of the book (This can be one or several paragraphs.)
 - Use quotes or paraphrases from the book to prove your points.
 - Use MLA style formatting.
- Evaluate (This can be one or several paragraphs.)
 - Explain the writer's purpose for writing the book. Give your opinion on whether the writer achieved her/his purpose in writing the book.
 - Criticize/praise the book
- Explain to your audience if you thought the book was entertaining or boring, has good characters or unrealistic characters, has thorough information or inadequate information.
 - Use quotes or paraphrases from the book to prove your points.
 - Use MLA style formatting.

Conclusion

- Review the main points of your argument.
- Remind the reader of your thesis (whether or not you thought the book was good).

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