**BOOKS DON’T NEED BATTERIES**

Please choose a book to read over the next few weeks.

***QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS***

1. Before reading the book, look at the cover, title page and contents.
2. Think of questions you would like the book to answer. Write the questions on the chart below.
3. As you read parts of the book, write down the answers to your questions on the other side of the chart.

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| MY QUESTIONS | THE BOOK’S ANSWERS |
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***Book Review***

Use the following boxes to make notes as you are reading and when you have finished your book. This will be your plan. You will use this plan to write your book review. You can structure it in any way you wish – you could write a paragraph for each box, or come up with your own structure. There is a checklist on the next page and some sentence starters that you can use to guide your writing.

**Recommend**

 Would you read it again? What would you suggest to someone who wanted to read it? Should they read it? Why or why not?

**Opinion**

What did you think of the book? What was your favourite part and why?

What did you learn?

**Character**

Who were the main characters? Why were they important to the story? How did you feel towards them?

**Plot**

What happens and what did you think? Were there any twists? (Don’t tell us the end!)

**Book Review Checklist**

**Use the following list to make sure you have covered the following things in your Book Review:**

* The title of the book and the author.
* Your opinion. Within the first couple of sentences, it should be clear whether or not you are going to recommend the book.
* Information about the book. Tell the reader what the story is about. Where is it set? Who are the main characters? (However, remember not to share the twist or the ending – you do not wish to spoil the story.)
* Main paragraphs
* What did you enjoy most about reading this book?
* Why do you think it was so enjoyable to read?
* Which is your favourite moment or quotation from the book and why?
* Who do you think would enjoy reading this book and why?
* What was not very good about this book? What could be improved?
* Summary

Remind the reader whether or not you are recommending the book. You may be able to compare it to something else. For example: ‘If you like *Harry Potter* stories then you will love *The Adventures of Mister Magic*’ or give a warning ‘If you can forgive too much dialogue, you may still enjoy the setting of the story.’



Writing a book review

**Introduction**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a book about…

It is mainly written in the… genre, it also has…

It is written for…

**Plot**

At the beginning…

The story then goes on to describe/tell us…

**Positive points**

I particularly liked…

The book is most successful in the way the writer…

**Negative points**

However, I nearly put the book down when…

A less successful part of the book is when…

**Conclusion**

I would recommend this book to… because…

If I had to rate this book out of 10 stars I would give it…