Book Report

Assignment

Write a report on a book of your choice. Your report should include information about the setting, characters and plot. You can include at least three specific paragraphs on these topics and an introduction and conclusion. Remember to read a book at your own reading level. This report should include your own ideas and opinions about the book.

You can choose from books like:

Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
Stuart Little by E.B. White
Cricket in Time Square by George Seldon
Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang, by Mordecai Richler

Vocabulary

Try to use specific terms like;

character, written, style, special, suspense, setting, illustrated, action, adventure, journey, recommend, author, audience, overcome, happen, drama, fictional, interesting, mystery
Book Report
Castle of the North (Fictional Book)

Paragraph 1  Introduction
Sentence 1  book title & author  Castle North, Nora Brea
Sentence 2  setting  time of knights & castles
Sentence 3  characters  children of royal family
Sentence 4  plot  search for golden apple
Sentence 5  type of book  fun and adventure

Paragraph 2  Setting
Sentence 1  land description  mountains, forests, rivers
Sentence 2  where they live  stone castle
Sentence 3  journey they follow  through a haunted forest
Sentence 4  final place  caverns of bats and insects
Sentence 5  setting description  both natural and unique

Paragraph 3  Characters
Sentence 1  about characters  strong, skilled
Sentence 2  main characters  Myra, James (clever kids)
Sentence 3  bad guys  evil wizard Hyland
Sentence 4  other characters  parents, friends, animals
Sentence 5  interaction  both searching for apple

Paragraph 4  Plot
Sentence 1  start of action  find a map
Sentence 2  next major action  followed by Hyland
Sentence 3  next major action  dangers (caverns, forest)
Sentence 4  next major action  search ends on mountain
Sentence 5  big action  battle for the apple

Paragraph 5  Conclusion
Sentence 1  type of book  mystery and adventure
Sentence 2  reflect on setting  simple yet interesting time
Sentence 3  reflect on characters  strengths and flaws
Sentence 4  reflect on plot  similar to other quests
Sentence 5  recommendation  grade 5’s into suspense
Vocabulary

Here is a list of words you may include in your report.

**key word:** simple definition  (other words)
*A sentence to show how to use this word.*

**setting:** backdrop  (environment, location)
*A physical feature of a Grizzly is its brown fur.*

**character:** person  (individual, creature)
*The habitat of a beaver is ponds or small creeks.*

**protagonist:** good guy  (hero, heroine)
*A deer is an herbivore since it eats mostly grass.*

**antagonist:** bad guy  (villain, evil)
*A cougar is a carnivore since it hunts rabbits.*

**plot:** events  (action, development)
*A Black bear, an omnivore, eats both fish and berries.*

**recommend:** favor  (endorse, back)
*I would recommend this book to science fiction fans.*

**author:** writer  (*creator, composer*)
*Robert McKoy is the author of the “57 Warriors” series.*

**illustrator:** artist  (cartoonist, photographer)
*Sarah Marksmith is the illustrator of “Diary of a Lonely Child”.*

**publish:** print  (produce, make)
*We searched for months for a company to publish our book.*

**genre:** style  (brand, kind)
*He writes many books in the romance genre.*

**fictional:** fantasy  (myth, legend)
*This book is about a fictional world in the mountains.*
Castle of the North is a book written by Nora Brea and illustrated by Kamrym Matherson. The story takes place during the time of knights and castles in the kingdom of Raliegh. The children of the royal family are at odds against the evil wizard and his henchmen. As a search for a magical golden apple unfolds, the children are led into a world where wits and will are needed for the journey. It is a book of fun and adventure.

This story is set in medieval times with the rolling mountains, active forests and crystal rivers of the kingdom of Raliegh. The royal family lives in the grey stone castle near Mystic Mountain. The children venture through a forest they believe is haunted by the spirits of past kings. The also step inside caverns thick with insects and hanging bats. It is a land that is both natural and unique.

The characters in this story are strong willed with unique skills. Myra and James are clever kids who are quick to solve problems, including the riddles written on the treasure map. The evil wizard Hyland uses his magical powers to follow and foil plans made by the children. Throughout the story we also meet interesting characters like the bumbling king and queen, friends with special skills such as building flying machines and humanlike animals. The all meet or collide while on the search for the golden apple.

The action of the story starts with the finding of an ancient map leading to a tree that bears a golden apple. As the prince and princess start their journey they are followed by the Hyland who uses an enchanted looking glass. Danger is just around the corner as the kids get lost in dark caverns and the deepest for the haunted forest. The search eventually leads them to a hidden area of a mountain. This is where those after the apple must their wits in a final battle for the golden apple.

This is a book rich in mystery and adventure. It is set in a time that was simple yet interesting. It is easy to relate to the characters since they have both strengths that make them special and flaws that they must overcome. The plot is similar to other stories about quests for such things as hidden treasures or the Holy Grail. As I thoroughly enjoyed it, I would recommend this book to any grade five or six student interested in suspense and action stories.