**Book Review Instructions**

A book review is short, concise, and praises/criticizes a book. It informs (what is the book about?) and persuades (should others read this?). A book review only reviews the writing itself – not the cover art or the author’s personal life. **In a nutshell…**this is constructive criticism written in argument form.

This will be a **2-paragraph written review and shouldn’t be more than ¾ of a page**.

**- Paragraph one:** This is a 4-8 sentence summary which includes necessary book information (plot line, characters, message, conflict).

* Include the title, author, other books they’ve written, and possibly the publisher.
* DO NOT provide every single detail of the book. Only enough that the reader can understand what the book is about.
* NO SPOILERS
* This should be in your OWN WORDS. Do not copy from the back of the book or from an internet source (that is plagiarism). Prove to me that you read the book.

**- Paragraph two:** This is a 4-8 sentence review of the text, which should include at least one critique.

* Pick one or two things that drew you in (what did the author do well? What did you like?) and one or two things that put you off (what didn’t you like?)
  + These can be any part of the writing: the plot line didn’t seem believable, the format was confusing, you loved their development of a certain character, etc.
* The last sentence should be a final recommendation: Should others read this book?
* DO NOT use negative language. Keep it professional.

\*\*Please take some time reading through the sample reviews I have provided. This will help you write your own.