Book Review Template for Middle School

- Summary: Write a summary of the book
  1st paragraph– Write about the setting, (where the story takes place, usually time and place). Introduce the main character or characters in the story. Ex. What are character's qualities, name, etc. Discuss what conflict/problem the main character faces in the story. If you're still having trouble starting, you can answer the questions who, what, when, where, and how.
- 2nd paragraph– Summarize what happens **up until** the high point of the story, (don't give away the ending, this should be just enough to tease the reading into wanting to get this book. Use some of these transition words to help you write you review.

first	also	because	another
second	between	next	as a result
third	finally	then	later
last	after that	for example	during

- Opinion: Write a **paragraph** giving your opinion on the book. Use these guidelines.
  Write about why you like or dislike the book. Give details, for example: Was the book confusing? Was it too easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable/ believable? Did you like the ending? What was your favorite part? What connections did you make with your life or other books? Talk about the author's style of writing and give examples from the book. Min 5 sentences.
- Recommendation: Explain whether you would recommend this book to student or not? Rate the book from 1 star to 5 stars, and give examples why you gave it the rating you did. **Examples should include a quote or quotes from the book or a summary of the part of the book that you liked or did not like.**

Introduction/General Information about the Book

Title:

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Author:

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Type of Book (fantasy, humor, science fiction, mystery, biography, non-fiction):

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Main Character

Main character:

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Describe this character:

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I can identify with the character because:

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Other Characters

Another Character:

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Details:

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Another Character:

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Details:

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Setting

(Where does the story take place? When is the story happening?)

Describe the time and place of the story:

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Comments about the setting (examples: setting makes story exciting, setting has an important effect on main character, setting is/is not exciting or new, setting increased my knowledge of something):

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Theme

(What did the author want you to experience, feel, or understand through reading this book? A theme can be about specific people and particular situations or about life in general.)

What is the author trying to say in this story? What is his/her lesson in life?

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Is there a moral to this story?

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This is a story about (courage? working hard? doing the right thing? greed? importance of friends? jealousy? love? caring? happiness? sadness?)

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This book showed me/I learned from this story:

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Plot
(The Action/Summary of What Happened in the Story)

Summary of the story (list up to 6 events that happened in the story; keep them in order):

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Evaluation of the Book

What did you think of the book? Why?

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What did you like about the book? Why?

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What didn't you like about the book? Why?

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Was the story confusing or hard to believe? Why?

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Was the story predictable (could you guess what was going to happen?)

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Was the story believable?

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The ending was

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Mark:_____