

**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
ACTIVITY-BOOK REVIEW 2017-18
CLASS-8**

HOW TO WRITE A BOOK REVIEW

The following are the standard points for writing a book review:

TITLE:What is the title of the book?

AUTHOR: Who wrote the book?

TYPE OF BOOK:Is it a detective story, thriller, horror story, historical novel, science fiction or an entertaining piece of work?

SUBJECT: What is the book about e.g. family life, a mystery, an adventure?

CHARACTERS:Who are the characters in the story and their relationship?

SETTING:Where does the story take place?

TIME:Is it written in present time, or is it historical, or set in the future?

STORY LINE:Summary of the story.

MESSAGE:Is the writer giving any message in the story?

COMMENTS:Is it easy or difficult to read, short/ long story?

How would you like to describe the story?

Realistic/ amusing/ thrilling/ exciting/ fast-moving/ tragic etc.

Did you like it, why/ why not?

ASSIGNMENT

- Choose a book and read it thoroughly.
- Write a good review of the book you read following the guidelines given above.
- Book review must be hand written in minimum 1 page and maximum 2 pages.
- Prepare a cover page for your book review. The cover page should include: title of the book, author's name, name of the publication, date of publication and number of pages in the book.
- Write your full name, class, section and roll number at the bottom of the cover page.

- An oral presentation of the book review has to be done while submitting the assignment.

Submit the assignment in a folder on or before 20th January 2018.

Books Recommended

- 1. Pride and Prejudice---Jane Austen**
- 2. Wings of Fire--- Abdul Kalam**
- 3. Wuthering Heights—Emily Bronte**
- 4. Diary of Anne Frank—Anne Frank**
- 5. A Suitable Boy --- Vikram Seth**
- 6. Charlotte’s Web--- E.B. White**
- 7. Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone---J.K Rowling**
- 8. Treasure Island—R.L. Stevenson**
- 9. A Street Cat named Bob—James Bowen**
- 10. The Lord of the Rings—J.R.R. Tolkein**
- 11. The Mysterious Island--- Jules Verne**
- 12. Far from the Madding Crowd—Thomas Hardy**
- 13. Hard Times---Charles Dickens**
- 14. Kidnapped –R.L. Stevenson**
- 15. The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde--- R.L.Stevenson**
- 16. Life on the Mississippi -Mark Twain**
- 17. Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea—Jules Verne**
- 18. Rebecca- Daphne De Maurier**
- 19. Great Expectations- Charles Dickens**
- 20. Three Musketeers—Alexander Dumas**
- 21.The Secret Garden- Francis H. Burnett**
- 23. Jane Eyre—Charlotte Bronte**
- 24. Anna Karenina---- Leo Tolstoy**