

Your Checklist For Writing The Best Critique of a Book

Answer these questions to make sure you have enough data and information for writing a critique:

- 1) What book are you going to criticize?
- 2) Who is the author?
- 3) What are his (her) biases?
- 4) What does the book cover? (Summarize it)
- 5) What are the major points of the book?
- 6) Was the author successful in making his (her) points?
- 7) Did the author build a logical argument?
- 8) Did the author use accurate evidence?
- 9) Did the author interpret the evidence for readers to understand?
- 10) Does the author's interpretation of the evidence lead readers to the same conclusion?
- 11) Did the author use appropriate methods to gather the information?
- 12) How does this novel relate to other books of the same field?
- 13) Are the evidence still valid or outdated?
- 14) Does the book relate to your personal understanding of the topic?
- 15) Do you agree with the author's ideas?
- 16) Do his (her) ideas agree with your knowledge and experience?
- 17) Was the author successful in creating the book characters?
- 18) What was the most significant scene of the book? Explain.
- 19) Are there any revisions you would make to the book?
- 20) Was the author able to hold a reader's interest throughout the book?
- 21) Does the author support his (her) points with data or examples?
- 22) Is it possible to find any counterarguments to the author's evidence?

23) Are there any specific features about the book that interest you?

24) Are there any questions you have on the book, which the author hasn't answered?

25) What are your comments on the book that would help others understand your critique and decide whether the book is worth reading?