

Book Report Instructions & Grading Rubric

Choose a science related book for the semester reading requirement. You may check out a book from the library, borrow one from Mrs. King, or purchase one from a book store (or online) such as Barnes and Noble or Amazon.

- Only approved books qualify. Use the signup sheet in our classroom.
- You may choose a suitable book that is not on the reading list, but it must not be a book you are reading, or have already read, for another class.
- Book must be 150 pages or more and correct [lexile](#) for your age; Also see [Common Core: Text Complexity](#) (page 4) for proper lexile.
- Written and cited report in [APA format](#) *[Sample APA format](#) (*great resource*)

Papers should include **four major sections**: the **Title Page** (1 page), **Abstract** (1 page), **Main Body** (3-5 pages), and **References** (1 page) for a total of 6 to 8 pages. Set it up in that exact order. **Pictures do not count** toward main body requirement of 3 to 5 pages.

- Typed, double spaced, 1 inch margins; Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial, 10 or 12 point fonts only.
 1. The **title page** should be set up in APA format with your name, period, date, and title of book.
 2. An **abstract** is a very brief overview of the book, sort of like the review on the back of the book. However, this needs to be in your own words, not copied from the back cover.
 3. Think of the **main body** as a 5 paragraph essay.
 - Introduction, supporting details, conclusion.
 - Tell what the book was about and how it is related to a field of science. Tell what part interested you the most and why.
 4. The **reference page** should have at least one citation (the book you are reading) in proper APA format. If you reference any outside source it should be cited as well.

Topic	Possible score	Earned score
Book		
Read 150+ page non fiction	15	
Photo copy of book cover (front and back)	3	
Title page	3	
Abstract		
Well written summary	5	
Main body		
• 3 – 5 pages	15	
• Complete sentences	5	
• Summary	2	
• Most interesting part	2	
• How book is related to science; give sufficient supporting evidence/details	2	
• Links to current event	5	
Reference page		
• APA format	5	
Attention to detail		
• In-text citations- quotes and paraphrasing	2	
• Font	1	
• Spacing	1	
Total	66	

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