



Our Lady of Sorrows 2009 Summer Reading Book Report Format 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades

Paragraph Order:

1. Introduction
2. Setting
3. Characters
4. Plot
5. Plot Resolution
6. Conclusion

Paragraph Description:

1. The introduction contains the main idea of the book. It also includes book title and author.
2. The setting describes the time period and location.
3. The section on characters mention minor groups of characters but name and describe the major ones.
4. The plot explains what the major groups of character attempt to do, i.e. to discover, to overcome, to adapt, to learn to find, to become, to mature, to solve, to conquer

Tell the difficulties encountered in this attempt. There is often more than one problem. Sometimes one problem leads to another.

5. The plot resolution- How are the final problems solved? How does everything work out? What is the final attitude of the main character(s)?
6. The conclusion-an evaluation of the book as literary work. What was the author's purpose? Does the book teach a lesson or a moral? Are the characters role models? Is the book recommended? Why or why not?

Paragraphs should not be labeled or numbered. They should flow together smoothly.

Examples and extra help

Introduction:

Sentence Order

1. Arouse the reader's interest with an attention-grabbing question.

Example: How would you feel if a tornado suddenly lifted you away to a new land?

2. Name the character(s) in such a situation. Name the book title and author.

Example: Such an adventure happened to Dorothy in the book, The Wizard of Oz, by Frank Baum.

3. Present the main idea: why the book is unique/different. Although there have been similar books, this book is unique because **who? Does what? And where?**

Example: Although there have been other children's adventure stories, this one is unique because Dorothy helps the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion find the qualities they seek while traveling with her in the land of Oz.

Topic Sentence Suggestions (a topic sentence begins the paragraph)

Setting: One reason this book is appealing is because of its setting. (Then describe setting)

Characters: Another reason this book is different is its characters OR is that its characters are all _____ (give description).

Plot: In addition to the setting and characters, the plot adds (or the problems add) to the distinctiveness of the book.

Plot resolution: The way in which the problems(s) are solved is totally unexpected.

Conclusion: For these reasons this book is appealing OR for these reasons the book is recommended (or not recommended).