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Elementary Review Samples (5+ Examples)

Example 1: Picture Book Review - "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle

My Book Review

I read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. This book is about a tiny caterpillar who eats a lot of food and then turns into a beautiful butterfly.

What I Liked:

- The pictures are very colorful and pretty
- I liked counting all the foods the caterpillar ate
- The holes in the pages are fun to touch
- The ending is happy when he becomes a butterfly

What I Didn't Like:

- The caterpillar ate too much and got a tummy ache
- I wish the book was longer

My Rating: ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ (5 stars)

I think other kids would like this book because it's fun and teaches about butterflies.

Example 2: Early Chapter Book Review - "Frog and Toad Are Friends" by Arnold Lobel

Book Review by: [Student Name]

Title: Frog and Toad Are Friends

Author: Arnold Lobel

This book has five stories about two best friends, Frog and Toad. They help each other and have fun together.

What I Liked:

- Frog and Toad are nice to each other
- The stories are funny, especially when Toad loses his button
- The pictures help me understand the story
- I can read it by myself because the words aren't too hard

What I Didn't Like:

- Some parts were a little sad
- I wanted more stories in the book

My Favorite Part: My favorite story was "The Letter" because Toad was sad that he never got mail, so Frog sent him a letter. That was very kind.

Would I recommend this book? Yes! This book is great for kids who are learning to read chapter books.

Example 3: Picture Book Review - "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak

My Book Review

Book: Where the Wild Things Are

Author: Maurice Sendak

This book is about a boy named Max who goes to an island with monsters called Wild Things.

What I Liked:

- The Wild Things look scary but they're actually nice
- Max becomes the king of the Wild Things
- The pictures are big and interesting
- Max gets to have a wild rumpus (that means a big party!)

What I Didn't Like:

- Max's mom sent him to bed without dinner
- The Wild Things were sad when Max left

My Opinion: This book is exciting and a little bit scary. I liked that Max went on an adventure but still came home at the end. The pictures made me feel like I was there with Max.

I give this book: 4 out of 5 stars ★ ★ ★ ★

Example 4: Beginning Reader Review - "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss

My Book Review

I read "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss.

What the book is about: Sam-I-Am tries to get someone to eat green eggs and ham. The other person says no, no, no! But then he finally tries them.

What I Liked:

- The rhyming words are fun to read
- The pictures are silly
- Sam-I-Am never gives up
- The ending surprised me

What I Didn't Like:

- Green eggs look yucky
- Sam-I-Am asks too many times

What I Learned: Sometimes you should try new things because you might like them!

My Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

This book is perfect for kids who are just starting to read because the words repeat a lot.

Example 5: Early Chapter Book Review - "Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus" by Barbara Park

Book Review

Title: Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus

Author: Barbara Park

Pages: 69

Summary: Junie B. is nervous about riding the bus on her first day of kindergarten. She doesn't want to ride it home, so she hides in school!

What I Liked:

- Junie B. is funny and says silly things
- I felt the same way on my first day of school
- The story feels real

- It's easy to read but still interesting

What I Didn't Like:

- Junie B. shouldn't have hidden from her teacher
- She wasn't always nice to other kids

My Favorite Part: I laughed when Junie B. hid under the teacher's desk and got caught.

Who Should Read This: Kids in kindergarten through 2nd grade who like funny books.

My Rating: 4 stars ★ ★ ★ ★

Example 6: Picture Book Review - "Corduroy" by Don Freeman

My Review of Corduroy

Author: Don Freeman

What happens: Corduroy is a teddy bear in a toy store. He wants someone to take him home. A girl named Lisa buys him even though he's missing a button.

What I Liked:

- Corduroy is cute and brave
- Lisa saved her money to buy Corduroy
- The pictures show Corduroy's adventure in the store at night
- The story teaches about friendship and not being perfect

What I Didn't Like:

- I felt sad when people didn't want Corduroy at first
- Corduroy could have gotten hurt when he fell down

My Thoughts: This is a sweet story about finding a friend. I liked that Lisa didn't care that Corduroy was missing a button. She loved him anyway.

I recommend this book! Yes, especially if you like stories about toys and friendship.

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (5 out of 5 stars)

Tips for Writing Your Own Elementary Book Review

1. **Start with the basics:** Write the title and author
2. **Tell what it's about:** Give a short summary (2-3 sentences)
3. **Share what you liked:** List 3-4 things you enjoyed
4. **Share what you didn't like:** It's okay to say 1-2 things you didn't enjoy
5. **Give your opinion:** Would you tell a friend to read it?
6. **Rate it:** Use stars or numbers

Remember: There are no wrong opinions in a book review. It's YOUR thoughts about the book!