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This is the exact same description as you will get from next year (with the exception of the example). See Ms. Fenn's here: <http://bit.ly/rFURRn>). See Mr. Pirkl's here: <http://bit.ly/MrPsReview>

Book Reviews should include some specific information. *Nation* has a sample Book Review that I did so if you are looking for an example check that out. Here is what I'd like to see in your Book Reviews:

Book reviews should be short and to the point (3 paragraphs). Take a look at book reviews in the newspaper or a magazine. They are thorough and complete; they are just long enough, but not too skimpy; quality not quantity matters. In short, every word counts. Book reviewers don't use extra words just to take up space.

1st Paragraph: PLOT

It's not a book report so don't flood your summary with too many details, and if it's fiction, don't give away the ending! Instead, wrap up the plot summary in just a paragraph or two by answering some of these questions: What was the story about? Who were the main characters? How did the plot develop? Use a quote or two to support your points.

2nd Paragraph: OPINION

Reflect on the theme, the delivery, the style, and the voice of the book. Did the author do a good job? Did it move you? Did you learn something valuable? Above all, should your audience read it? Remember, this is why he or she is reading the review, so don't hesitate to offer your honest opinion. And don't worry about writing a negative review if that's what you thought. Support your opinion with a quote or two from the reading.

3rd Paragraph: RATIONALE of RATING

Give this book a rating of 1-5. 1 being the worst thing you've ever read and a 5 being a book you'll talk about for years to come. Give your rationale or reasoning behind your rating.

You are expected to write **two** of these for first trimester.

Book review 1 is due _____

Book review 2 is due _____