

Additional work for students in year 7,8,9 and 10

The Urswick School Big Book Review

Focusing on a book that you have read recently, complete a detailed review using the guidance below. The best ones will be on display in the library giving advice to other pupils about what to read. Make sure you write in full sentences so that you convey your ideas clearly.

1. Briefly introduce yourself to the reader outlining your age and some of your interests. This will help other readers to understand your perspective on what you have read. For example, someone who loves football might have a similar taste in books to you.
2. Clearly state the title of the book and the author's name. If you know that they have written other titles, perhaps include these here too.
3. Explain to your audience what made you choose to read this book? Advice from others? The blurb? The front cover? You have seen a film based on the book?
4. Without giving any spoilers, explain what the book is about.
5. In detail, explain what you most liked about the book and why? Storyline? Characters? Exploration of themes? The style it is written in?
6. What was your favourite chapter and why? Can you even give your favourite paragraph?
7. What interesting themes/ideas did the book focus on and how did that impact on you as you read?
8. And finally, out of 10, what star rating would you give this book?

Additional Activities

- Write a sequel to the story.
- Choose one character and write a story/letter from their perspective.
- Write a speech persuading other pupils to read this book.
- Write a letter to the author persuading them to visit the school to deliver a masterclass to your year group.
- Design a different book cover including the blurb.