

Guidelines For Mystery Book Report



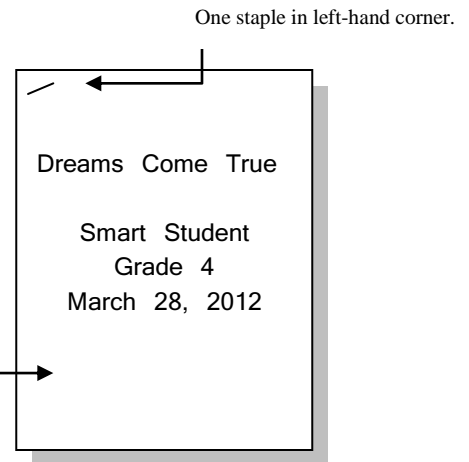
DUE DATE: March 28, 2012

Follow the St. Francis of Assisi Writing Guidelines to set up your report.
Type your report on the computer using a size 12 font for all pages.

A. Cover

Include a decorated cover with:
The Title of the Book
Your name
Your grade
The due date

Cover Sample →



B. Contents

Type the question then...

Type a response of several high quality sentences for each item below. (At least 3.)

Be sure to restate the question in your response.

1. Who is the main character in the story? (Describe him/her.)
2. Explain the mystery that needs to be solved.
3. Were you surprised by the outcome of the story? (Tell why or why not.)
4. Is the story believable? (Did the plot seem real?)
5. If you could change any part of the story what would it be? Explain. (Or is the story "perfect" as is? Explain)

C. Opinion & Recommendation

Write **one paragraph** for the following item. (Remember, a paragraph = 8 sentences, at least!)

What is your opinion of this book? (You must **explain in detail** the reasons why you give the book a good review or a bad one. Would you recommend this book to another student?) *Example: Dreams Come True, by Iman Author, is a mystery full of twists and turns that keeps the reader guessing what will happen next! Chapter 3 was especially mysterious when Joe and Nick found the missing glove in the haunted mansion. Hidden inside the glove was the other half of the map to the whereabouts of the famous jeweled guitar. The brothers now had a very difficult decision to make: should they turn the glove and map over to the FBI, or keep them and find the priceless guitar all by themselves? An amazing twist in the plot happened when...Now, I would add more sentences to make it a complete paragraph!*

Handy Hints

Do not use "weak words": "I think..."
"I believe..."
"I feel..."

Stay away from *worn out words* like: good, nice, kind, great
interesting
fun

Stay away from *slang words* like: awesome, humongous, cool

**AND...never use the words "you, your, or you're" (minus 1 point for each!)
Instead use: "One, anyone, a reader, any reader, a mystery fan"**