

**A book report “just” summarizes the books contents. I want you to write a book review, instead. A book review is different from a book report. A review must also contain a critical analysis of the book, not merely an account of its contents or a summary of the "story." Your assignment requires you to do both.**

- About 60% of your review should be devoted to describing the contents of the book you read.
- The remaining 40% of your review should address the following topics: You should interact with the author by agreeing with the author where that is possible and disagreeing where you find the author deficient in knowledge, judgment, organizing skill or writing ability. You should clearly state how much or little the author has contributed to your understanding of the subject in question, what you think the intended target audience is, and whether and why you recommend (or do not recommend) the book to other potential readers.

### **Mechanical Rules**

1. Check for spelling and grammatical errors. Use a dictionary, thesaurus and basic English grammar whenever necessary. If you have grammar and spell-check software, be sure to use it.
2. Avoid excessive quotation and give a specific page reference in parenthesis when you do quote. Remember, whatever the author says, you can probably say it as well or better in your own words.
3. Word-process or type your final draft with double-spacing and one-inch margins. Your review should consist of at least 5 and not more than 6 pages. Carefully proofread what you have typed or word-processed, and make the necessary corrections in the standard way.
4. On the top of the first page, give the name of the author, full title of the book, the publisher and the place and date of publication
5. On the bottom of the last page, type your name.
6. Remember that your name on the paper indicates that the review is entirely your own work.