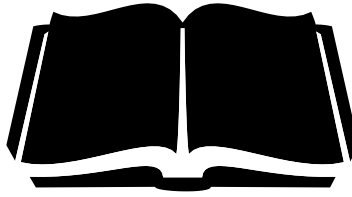


Book Letter Response to Ms. Gabrielson



Think your book was worthy of our classroom bookshelf? Or, do you think I should "forget about it"? Either way, write a **persuasive** business letter trying to convince me to buy, or not buy, the book you read.

Your letter should use the **business letter format**. See the provided example (separate document).

Use the following address for me (the recipient of the letter):

Alicia Gabrielson
Horizon Middle School
P.O. Box 1769
Ferndale, WA 98248

Graded for: conventions, correct format, specific details and thoughtful responses

Letters should be final draft quality:

- Typed
- Written in pen (blue or black ink)

Remember to include the book title (underlined), author's name, and number of pages in the book. Letters should be at least one page long.

Your letter should be easy to read and **include the following information:**

About the book:

- Give the title, author, and a brief summary of the book's plot.
- Choose one character that you liked and disliked most in the book. Describe that character, and explain why you felt the way you did about this character.
- Would you recommend this book to other people? Why or why not?

- Use specific examples from the book to support this. Your job is to convince me to buy it or not -- be persuasive! Use strong word choice!
- Have you read other books by this author? What do you know about him or her? (You may need to do a little internet research for this part.)

About yourself as a reader:

- What, if anything, are you noticing about yourself as a reader? What is changing in your reading behaviors? Are your interests, skills, or habits changing in any way?
- What is difficult about reading for you? Are you monitoring your "mind wandering" as you read? What strategies are you using to solve any difficulties you may be experiencing?
- Did you meet your reading goal this last month (i.e. to actually read on a daily basis, not wait until the last minute to finish your book/book letter, stick with one book, read before going to sleep?) What are your reading goals for the upcoming months?

Note:

Even if you don't complete a novel during the assigned period of time, you are expected to turn in a book letter anyway. In your letter you need to describe what you know about the partially-read book and explain WHY you did not finish your book.