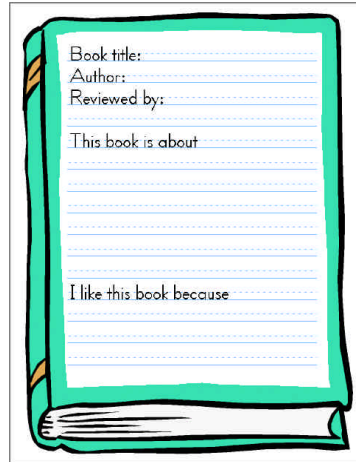


# Book Reviews

## Goals

- To provide an overview of a favorite book and give reasons why you like it
- To create a collection of reviews of recommended books to use as a classroom reference.



Overview: Students write brief reviews of favorite books to share with classmates.

## Materials

- Copies of “Book Review Template”.
- Copy of “Book Review Cover”

## Directions

1. Have students name some favorite books they’ve read in class or individually. Ask them to explain why they liked the books.
2. Have each student choose one of the books he or she enjoyed. Give students copies of the “Book Review Template” and ask them to complete their reviews by adding title, author, a brief description of what the book is about, and why they like the book. If you want, have students color-code their reviews by assigning different colors for different genres – fiction, non-fiction, biography, and so on.
3. Organize the reviews by book type, title or author (possibly color-coded as suggested above), and add the Book Reviews cover as the first page. Hole punch the entire collection and fasten with a ring or place in a binder.
4. Keep the binder in your reading center or class library as a reference along with extra copies of the “Book Review Template” so students can add reviews throughout the year. Encourage students to read each other’s reviews, discuss their favorite books, and use this information when selecting books to read.

## Stationery Studio Extensions

- Make photocopies of all the book reviews and create a second binder to share with another class or place in the school library.
- Choose a shape or border correlated with a popular topic like dinosaurs, insects or pets and create theme-centered book review templates.