



# Non-Fiction Book Review Criteria

## Introduction:

- Summarize the main idea of the book you read.
  - Determine the most important facts.
  - Write the facts in a paragraph that informs your reader without telling too much.
- Challenge your reader to read the book.

## Author's Message:

- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Did the author use specific text features to help you understand the message? (titles, captions, maps, charts, italics, graphs, timeline, pictures, drawings, diagrams...)
- Did the author use specific text structure(s) to help you understand the message?
  - ✓ Chronological/Sequential/Temporal
  - ✓ Compare/Contrast
  - ✓ Cause/Effect
  - ✓ Concept/Definition
  - ✓ Description/Main Idea, Supporting Detail
  - ✓ Problem/Solution

## Recommendation:

- Do you recommend this book to others to read?
- Who would enjoy this book?

## Evaluation:

- What is your opinion of the book?
- Support your opinion with evidence from the text  
Consider the following:
  - Why did you choose this book?
  - Did the book meet your expectations?
  - What was the most interesting or exciting fact in the book?
  - Is there any other information you would like to share with your audience?
  - How many stars would you rate this book?
  - Color the stars to support your opinion.