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**Middle School Outline Template for  
Book Report**

This template will map out the information you need to include in your book report. **As you read the book, fill in the sections for this template.** You will receive a grade for this template and for the report (see points next to each item). When you go to write your book report, be sure to include the information completed on the following pages. **The final report must be typed and double spaced. Be sure to hand into your Reading teacher both this template and the book report when you return to school.**

<b>Introductory paragraph - What is the name and author of the book on which you are choosing to write? (2 pts.)</b>
Book title : _____
Author: _____

<b>Write at least 3 facts about the author</b> (Where is he/she from? What kinds of books does he/she write? About what topics does he/she write?) (3 pts.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• _____</li><li>• _____</li><li>• _____</li></ul>

<b>2nd paragraph</b>
Write 1-2 sentences that give a brief summary of the book (ex: <i>Loser</i> is the story of Donald Zinkoff, a student who struggles to stand strong even though he is constantly teased by his classmates.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• _____</li></ul>

Write 2-3 sentences that describe the setting of the book (Where and when does the story take place? How is the setting significant to the story?)( 8 pts)

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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**3rd paragraph**

Write a topic sentence about the major characters of the book (ex: There are several main characters involved in the book *The Giver*) (8 pts.)

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Describe the main characters in the book in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph (you may have 2, 3, 4, 5 or more important characters). Include characteristics of the characters that are important to the story.

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**4th paragraph**

Write a topic sentence about the main events that occur in the book (ex: There are several main events that happen in the story of *The Giver*) (10 pts.)

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Include the main events of the book in the 4th paragraph:

- First, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Next, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Then, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Finally, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The 5th paragraph will discuss a section of the book you found to be most interesting. Start out this paragraph with the following quote.**

“The part of the book I found to be most interesting is around page \_\_\_\_\_, when . . . .”  
(jot down some of the interesting details here) (4 pts.)

Give at least 2 reasons why this part is interesting to you:

- \_\_\_\_\_  
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- \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The 6th paragraph will tell why you liked or disliked the book**

The topic sentence should include whether you **liked** or **disliked** the book.

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Include 3-4 sentences that tell **why** you liked, or disliked or the book. (6 pts.)

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