

INCOMING JH4:

Write a book review. Be sure your review is typed. It should be a **minimum** of three paragraphs and contain the following:

- First paragraph: grab reader's attention
introduce main character
mention the problem the character faces but DON'T tell the resolution!
- Second paragraph: rate the book and tell why
describe your favorite part OR make a connection to your own life
- Third paragraph: recommend for certain ages/gender and explain why

Look at the two samples below for ideas on how your review should look. Remember to edit your book report for correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar. It should be of junior-high quality.

SAMPLE FOR THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN:

Have you ever wanted to run away? A boy named Huck Finn wants to run away from his mean and drunken father. He is always whipping Huck and leaving him home alone. One night when his father is out Huck pretends to be murdered. He goes to an island and meets a runaway slave named Jim. At first Huck is scared but soon they become friends. They go on many adventures but on the way they run into trouble. Will their search for a new home be completed? Read Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain to find out.

If I could rate this book on a scale of 1 to 10, I would give it a 9 because it gives a lot of detail and has a lot of action. Mark Twain described Tom Sawyer so well that I could picture him walking down the street. My favorite part was when Huck's best friend Tom Sawyer was shot in the leg. If Huck did not run in and save Tom, Tom would have been killed. He is very lucky to have a friend like Huck. I think I am a lot like Huck. Once I ran away to the woods because my whole family was being mean. Huck ran away too but he never came back.

I would recommend this book to other boys my age but any boy older than 10 who likes adventure stories would love this book. This book is probably too hard for kids 9 or younger to understand because of the big words.

SAMPLE FOR TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Maycomb, Alabama was not a great place in 1930. It was filled with racism, hate, and violence. This was where Scout Finch lived. Atticus Finch was a lawyer and Scout's father. Atticus believed in equality for black people but most of the other white citizens of Maycomb did not. When Atticus took a case defending a black man the whole town started treating his family differently.

I love this book! I love that the ending was realistic instead of a "happily ever after" ending. I enjoyed watching Scout grow up even though she lost her innocence. I liked getting a picture of what America's past was like. Also, I am a tomboy like Scout and have one older brother. My dad is not a lawyer, but my mom is.

This book is for strong readers who like historical fiction. It is considered a classic, so kids who like to read classics might like it. Even though it was confusing in some parts, I really enjoyed it and couldn't put it down. You are in for a surprise, especially about Boo Radley!