

English Project

Week Commencing 15th June 2020

Book and Film Reviews

This weeks' project is book and film reviews. Although there are tasks, when and how you set out these tasks is up to you. You could create a working document or scrapbook or type up your work.

What is the purpose of a book or film review? It is to advise readers about the book and film in order for the reader to decide if they want to read it or watch it. The key is to explain what you thought about the book or film without telling the reader what happens. You need to briefly discuss the main points of the beginning and explain how you felt about it but without giving away the funny, scary parts – otherwise there's no point in the person you're telling reading it themselves!

- Read some book and film reviews. There are some on the link below. Think about what they explain and how much detail they give.
<https://www.storyroom.co.uk/book-reviews-by-children-for-children/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/bp-ali-plumb-reviews-your-reviews>
- Think about a character in a book you have read or a film you have watched. Write part of a review describing who they were and their role in a story.
- Think about a book that you have read recently or watch a film and make notes about the key points of action as you watch it.
- Think about giving reasoned opinion. Write some sentences about things you like and dislike about your book or film. For example: If you like a certain character or part of the action. Although the character is nice do you agree with everything they do? Give your opinion but then give reason for that. Is the action too much and do you lose interest. The more you give reasons, the more interesting a review is to read.
- Put your notes together and write a review of the book or film. Remember to include:

What the book is, who the author is, what genre it is and what age it is for.

Who the main characters are and what they are like.

What happens in the story/what is the problem?

What you like or dislike about the book and reasons for this.

Any advice you have for the reader.

Note: Do not use the phrase, "because it is funny," without expanding on why.

- Create a poster for your book or film that encourages other people to read or watch it.

Please send pictures of your work or documents if typed up to Miss Pope on charlotte.pope@gillamoor.n-yorks.sch.uk on Friday.