

Reading Workshop: Shelfari Reviewⁱ

Directions: As you get lost in the books that you are reading, you may want to share your ideas with the world on Shelfari. Once you have written the review you can upload it onto Shelfari. However you must also send a copy to Ms. Brown. Include:

Topics to Write About:

The Author: (4 points)

- I like the way the author...
- I noticed how the author...
- I don't get why the author...
- If I were the author, I would have...
- I'd compare this author to... because...

The Book as a Whole: (3 points)

- I was surprised when/ angry about/ satisfied with/ moved by/ incredulous at/...
- This book reminded me of...
- The structure of this book...
- I'd say the theme of this book is... because...
- The genre of this book...
- The climax of the plot...

The Characters: (3 points)

- The main character...
- The character development...
- The narrative voice...
- The resolution of the main character's problem...

The Way you Felt or Thought: (3 points)

- I wish that...
- I didn't agree with...
- I understood...
- I couldn't understand...

- Why did...

- I rated this one ____ because...

The author's craft: (4 points)

-The author was particularly skillful at...

-The author used the following literary devices... and examples include...

- The author used fresh and creative ideas such as ...

- One thing I have learned from this book that I will use in my own writing is...

One Major Requirement: No matter what topic(s) you choose to write about, you must include at least one essential quotation from the book. (3 points)

ⁱ Adapted from Nancy Atwell, The Reading Zone(2007)