Fifth Grade Book Report Format

Setting: Tell where the story takes place. Describe the setting or settings and give a few details.

Characters: Introduce the main characters. Again, describe them and offer a few details about each one. You do not have to discuss every character that appears in the book – just the main ones.

Summarize the Plot: Write a brief summary of the story from beginning to end. Do not try to "rewrite" the book but do be thorough.

Most plotlines can be broken down in the following manner:

- -Conflict: The initial conflict or problem the character/s face.
- -Complications/events: Events or situations that make the conflict better or worse and the steps the characters take in order to resolve the conflict.
- -Climax: The most exciting moment in the story when the outcome is decided one way or another.
- -Resolution: Conflict is resolved, and the story is brought to a close.

Non-fiction selection

Provide an overview of the author's topic, main points, and argument. What are the important conclusions? Do not try to summarize every chapter or every angle. Choose the ones that the most significant and interesting to you.

Opinion: Please explain the strengths and weaknesses of the book. Would you encourage others to read this story? Why or why not? <u>Give specific explanations</u> about why you liked or did not like the book.

Non-fiction selection

What are the author's qualifications to write about the subject? Do you agree with the author's arguments and conclusions? What is your overall response to the book?