Book Report - One Page Summary

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Your Name

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Language Arts 6, 7, or 8

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**1st Paragraph:** Give the title of the book and author in complete sentences. Describe the type of book (i.e. fictional story, mystery, science fiction, biography, fantasy, autobiography, etc.). Establish the **exposition/setting of the story (place and time) and describe important characters. Must be four sentences or more.**

**2nd Paragraph:** Describe the **main conflict or problem in the story** and state if the problem is solved. Be sure to give at least **2 conflicts the main character faces and identify them as either external or internal conflicts**. Be sure to consider conflicts ALL parts of the book, not just the beginning or ending of the book. Must be four sentences or more.

* **External conflict** = conflict with other characters or opposing force (nature, disease, society, or circumstances)
* **Internal conflict** = conflict within a character (torn between two choices, anger, fear, or love)

**3rd Paragraph:** Describe the **main character and identify whether he or she is a flat character, round character, or dynamic character**. Be sure to provide 3 specific examples proving that character is a clear example of one of the above terms. (Hint: “Gummy is a round character because he likes poems and is brave” is NOT specific. “Gummy is a round character because of his many qualities. One quality is his bravery. Upon hearing that the dreaded Mushrooms are attempting to invade the valley, he . . . “ is specific.) **Must be four sentences or more.**

* **Flat character** = a character with one primary personality trait (not a main character)
* **Round character** = a character with many personality traits (major character who encounters conflict and is changed by it)
* **Dynamic character** = a character who changes throughout the story, for good or bad.

**4th Paragraph:** Give your **opinion of the book**. Provide SPECIFIC reasons or parts of the book you enjoyed or did not enjoy. (Hint: “The book was too long” is NOT specific. “The book would be better if the author included a glossary to explain difficult words, like in chapter 4” is specific.) You may include more than just one reason you liked and disliked the book. **Must be three - four sentences or more**.

* You may use 1st person
* You must have at least two things you enjoyed about the book and at least one suggestion you believe would make the book even better
* You must explain what you enjoyed and did not enjoy. You cannot just write “I enjoyed the action scenes in the book.” You must explain. (“I enjoyed several of the action scenes in the book, especially chapter 5. In this chapter, Karana explores . . . “)