

Guidelines for the Book Report Summary

The first paragraph should explain , in a general manner, the theme of the book. For example, in The Kid in the Red Jacket we could say:

The Kid in the Red Jacket is about a ten and one-half year old boy, Howard Jeeter, whose family moves from Arizona to Massachusetts when his father gets a promotion. Howard is not pleased about having to move and leave his friends, Roger and Thornsberry. He is even less pleased when he arrives in Mass. , and he finds out that his "new" house is over 200 years old and his closest neighbor is an obnoxious red-haired six year old girl named Molly Vera Thompson.

The second paragraph of the summary should explain your favorite part of the book in detail . It should NOT say, "My favorite part of the book was when such and such happened." and stop there!

A good example would be:

My favorite part of The Kid in the Red Jacket was when Howard's family had gone to the new house , and Howard was watching Molly from the window. She was pretending to spray everything with the water hose, and she actually did spray her cat, which , she said later, was on fire. Then she spied the Jeeter's car. She immediately ran over to it and climbed on top of it! Howard was horrified and quickly got his dad and went to

investigate. Molly was overjoyed to meet Howard "Jeep" (although she was a bit disappointed he wasn't a six year old girl) and to make a new friend. Howard was just astounded at the nerve and nosy attitude of this girl!!

Please do NOT attempt to tell the whole book. Your report should give an overview of the book without being too brief and should entice your classmates to read it.

You may close your report with a statement of why you would (or would not) recommend this book. For example you could say:

I recommend The Kid in the Red Jacket to anyone who has ever been the new kid or to anyone who just enjoys reading a very funny book about a fifth grader and his problems and how he solves them.

This summary form will be used in almost all of our book reports this year, so keep this guide in your notebook.. 😊