

Alternative Book Reviews

For each book you read while at home, choose one of the activities below to show. . . .

1. Write a letter to the main character and the character's reply.
2. Write a different ending for the book.
3. Pretend you are a talk show host and interview the main character.
4. Create a book jacket, including illustrations, an enticing synopsis, author bio, and favourable reviews.
5. Summarise the book into a comic or story aimed for younger pupils or your classmates.
6. Write a news article about an important event from the book.
7. Write about the decisions you would make if you were the main character in the book.
8. Choose two characters from the story and write a conversation they might have.
9. Write a letter or email to a close friend recommending the book you have just read.
10. Make a list of new, unusual, or interesting words or phrases found in your book.
11. Prepare a television commercial about your book. Act out the commercial for your classmates.
12. Write ten questions that test other students' understanding of the story. Make sure you provide a list of answers.
13. Explain why you think this book will or will not be read 100 years from now. Support your opinion by stating specific events in the story.
14. Discuss one particular episode in the story that you remember most. Describe why you think it remains so clear to you.
15. Write a letter/email to the author of your book. Address it to the publisher and mail it. Or, see if the author has a website and email it.
16. Write a ballad or song about the characters and events in your story. Set the words to the music of a popular song and sing it to the class.
17. Describe in detail three characters from the story. List reasons why you would or wouldn't want to get to know these people.
18. Design a poster or new book cover depicting the climax of the story.
19. Write an acrostic poem about the book using the letters in the title of the book or the name of a character or author.