

# January Book Report

## Due: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

For this book report, you will write a letter to a friend or relative and you will tell about the chapter book you are reading this month. You need to select a realistic fiction book. Use this sheet as your model. Write your letter in proper cursive (or print, although *only if you do not know cursive*) on binder paper in appropriate letter & paragraph format. Watch your margins! Neatness and spelling always count. **You may type your final copy, and if you elect to do so, I do want to see your handwritten rough draft (in cursive☺).** Decorate your margins so your letter looks like it is on stationary.

### Sample:

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February 8, 2012

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

*I want to tell you about the chapter book I have been reading. It is (title) \_\_\_\_\_ by (author) \_\_\_\_\_. It was published in (year) \_\_\_\_\_ and it is \_\_\_\_\_ pages long. The main setting of the book is \_\_\_\_\_ (detailed description of setting) \_\_\_\_\_. The book is about \_\_\_\_\_ (briefly tell about the book in 50 to 75 words—beginning, middle, & end).*

*My favorite character is (name of favorite character) \_\_\_\_\_, because (describe what you like about this character) \_\_\_\_\_. One of my favorite parts in the book was when (brief retelling of favorite part) \_\_\_\_\_. The (funniest, saddest, most frightening) part of this book was when (name of favorite character & describe briefly what happened) \_\_\_\_\_. I think you would/would not like to read this book because \_\_\_\_\_.*

Your friend,

Your Name



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The book I am reading for this report is \_\_\_\_\_ pgs.

I am aware of this assignment. \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature Student Name

\*Please sign and return the bottom of this form by Thursday, January 19.

## January Letter Book Report Grading Form



- \_\_\_\_\_ *The Date is on your letter – top right (1 pt)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Appropriate Greeting with proper punctuation (2 pts)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Indented paragraphs (2 pts)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Proper margins (2 pts)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Appropriate Closing with proper punctuation (2 pts)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Your letter is neatly written in cursive, or typed (with accompanying hand written rough draft) (4 pts)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Interesting and detailed sentences (at least 50-75 words describing book – paragraph 1) (15 pts)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Character description & favorite part of book – paragraph 2 (10 points)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *You decorated margins or added illustrations to look like stationery (3 pts)*
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Grammar, Punctuation, & Spelling (4 pts)*
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Final Grade /45 pts.*

**Comments:**