

Physics Book Review Guidelines

As part of your book project, you must write and post on our wiki site a review of the book that you read. Use the following guidelines to help create this review.

The book review is worth 20 points out of 100 for your book project. Those 20 points will be broken up as follows.

DO NOT GIVE AWAY THE PLOT! Above all a book review should not give away the story. A book review should give a reader an idea of what they can expect from the book, but should not ruin the enjoyment of actually reading the book.

- (1) [10%] Write a sentence giving the essential information about the book: title, author, first copyright date, type of book, general subject matter.
- (2) [25%] State the author's purpose in writing the book.
- (3) [50%] Address the THEME
 - a. What is/are the major theme(s)?
 - b. How are they revealed and developed?
 - c. Is the theme traditional and familiar, or new and original?
 - d. Is the theme didactic, psychological, social, entertaining, escapist, etc. in purpose or intent?
- (4) [25%] Address the THESIS: an author's generalization about the theme, the author's beliefs about something important, the book's philosophical conclusion, or the proposition the author means to prove. Express it without metaphor or other figurative language, in one declarative sentence.

Look for examples of book reviews on the wiki under Mr. Maloney.