

Book Review Worksheet
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1. Provide this bibliographic information at the top left-hand corner of your paper:
Book title: _____
Author (s), first name followed by last name: _____
Publishing information (place, publisher, year): _____
Number of pages, photos and/or maps: _____
2. What **purpose** (if any) does the author give for writing this book?

3. What **topic** does the book cover, address or analyze (or narrate)?

4. What is the author's **thesis**, interpretation or conclusion about the topic? (or is it a survey?)

5. What **main points** or subtopics does the author discuss to support the thesis?

6. How compelling is the **argument**? Is it strong or weak? Does it support the thesis well?

2. What method of **organization** has the author employed? Is it helpful or burdensome?

8. What discernible **emphasis** does the book have? Is it mostly political, social, economic, etc.?

9. Does the author's **perspective** seem objective and balanced, or is it overtly biased? How so?

10. Upon what **sources** does the author rely? Are they used effectively? What of **documentation**?

11. What helpful **aids** does the book include (maps, bibliography, etc.)? Are others needed?

12. For what kind of **audience** is the book intended? Would you recommend it to others?
