

Broviak's Book Reviews for B points

1. Choose to write your book review on either GoodReads.com or Amazon.com. Both of these work. I will give a few point bonus if your post your review to BOTH instead of just one.

Make sure your account name will be recognized as connecting to you in some way. This way I know which student wrote which review.

Goodreads account link - <https://www.goodreads.com/>

Amazon account link - <http://tinyurl.com/mfssgef>

2. Enter email and create amazon account

It should connect to your actual name in some way.

3. Type in name of book you want to review.

4. Scroll down until you see the "reviews" section of the book page, and then click on the WRITE A CUSTOMER REVIEW button.

5. Change your "customer review name" off of "amazon customer". This should be a name that would be easily recognizable as connected to you in same way when I see it.

6. If this is a brand new account (and for many of you it will be), you will need to make a \$1 purchase of any ebook before being allowed to write a review. They do this to prevent fake/spam accounts from being created and flooding a product with false reviews.

You will need to speak to your parents in order to purchase your first ebook. Once ONE purchase has been made, then your account is OPEN to write reviews. But you must make that first \$1 purchase in order to proceed. This is where we find out how dedicated you are to earning your points.

6b. ALTERNATE METHOD

Some of you may have the option of asking your parents to use their Amazon account to write the review. If your parents have already used their account at some point to purchase something on Amazon, then it is already "approved" for posting reviews. Just make sure they are ok with you using it to write a book review. Have them log into Amazon, and then go to step 7.

7. You will now complete your review of the book you chose.

Rank how you feel about the author's writing ability/style.

Is there any violence in the book?

Was there inappropriate kissy-kissy stuff throughout it?

What was the point of view for the story?

The final part of the review is where you have to write up an explanation of why you did or did not enjoy the book. This is where you score your points. If you give a brief and undetailed summary, then you will only score about two points. If you go above and beyond with your information, then you will get up to 5 points.

How you score the book or review it does not affect your points. I'm perfectly fine if you write a review saying you did not like a book. That is absolutely your opinion. But please explain WHY you did not enjoy it. Writers need to hear what doesn't work as well as what does work. That is how they improve. Regardless of how many stars you give it, I am looking for the information you put in your review. Explain to others the WHY or HOW of it being a great book or a waste of time. Convince us.

Follow this template when writing your review please:

1 - Why you are writing this review in the first place.

2 - Brief summary of the plot of the book

3 - Your favorite part of the book, and why you liked it.

4 - Your least favorite part of the book, and what you would like changed

5 - One question you have for the author after finishing and why it comes mind.

6 - Your convincing argument to us about why we should or should NOT read the book.

That's it. The more you put into it, the more points you can gain.

8. Copy the book's review page URL and send it to me at dbroviak@hse.k12.in.us, along with the name you posted the review under and copy of what you said so I know what to look for. I will reply with how many points you earned for the review.

9. BONUS POINTS

If you are one of the **FIRST 50 REVIEWS** for a book, then I will **DOUBLE** your B points for the review. That means you are not reading a "main stream" book, and you are venturing out into new areas. Mention this in your email, so that I can double check it and give you your points.

Also I will have a list of selected books that I am promoting. If you read a book from that list and write a review, then you will also receive **DOUBLE** points for your review. Make sure you mention this when you email me to remind me.

In the rare case that a book is on my "promotion list" **AND** has less than 50 reviews, then it is possible to get **QUADRUPLE** points for your review. But this will be rare. But keep your eyes peeled for when it occurs. 😊