

Marine Biology Book Reviews

- Read a non-fiction novel first semester and write a five-paragraph* book review. Second semester, read a fiction novel or another non-fiction novel and write a five-paragraph review.
- The novel you choose must be from the literature list on the Marine Biology web page, (www.aptoshs.net/~gmcbride) or it needs to be pre-approved by the instructor.

FALL SEMESTER REQUIREMENT

Nonfiction Requirements –

- Your primary goal is to read a novel about the ocean, which informs, and hopefully entertains you.
- The review you write should analyze the book as a source of accurate marine science information.

Non Fiction Book Review for First Semester	Points	Comments
<u>Pre-review book verification</u> - Show the book you will read at least two weeks before the review due date. If the book is not on the pre-approved list, it must be left with the teacher to be evaluated for total possible point value. Note books on the literature list with an *asterisk require a special project to be considered for full credit.	/10	
<u>Structural Assessment</u> – Overall, how well did you accomplish the primary goal in analyzing a non-fiction novel for this course? How effectively did you cite specific passages from the book? How well did you use quotes from the text? Heading clearly names the author, title, book type (fiction or nonfiction), your name and period. Includes grammar, spelling. Typed single-spaced in 12 point Times New Roman Font, maximum of 5 pages. Must be turned in electronically to teachers e-mail: gmcbride@aptoshs.net by deadline.	/30	
<u>Section I</u> – Maximum 1 paragraph summary of book. Lead in to analysis and critique of the novel.	/15	
<u>Section II</u> – 3 paragraphs. Each paragraph should be a discussion of one of the major topics of the novel. Analyze the quality of marine science information. How well is it organized and explained? How interesting is it? Be specific and cite examples and quotes.	/30	
<u>Section III</u> – Final paragraph. Evaluate the success of the author. Is any of the information inaccurate or did it seem incomplete? How well organized is it? Did it keep your interest? Would you recommend it to someone for: who is a marine biology student, a friend who is looking for a good book, a family member? Conclude with your overall evaluation of the book	/15	

*A standard paragraph has a five sentence minimum including the introductory sentence, supporting sentences, and concluding sentence.