

Evaluating Children’s Books

Before you begin evaluating your selected children’s books, please fill in the top portion of the grid with the top 10 characteristics you included in **your** SKETCHNOTES. When finished, read through each book, one at a time, adding an X to the box if the characteristic is present. Continue the evaluation, by completing the questions for each book as well as the final writing prompt.

Characteristics ----->										
Title of Book & Author										
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#2:										
#3:										

Book #1

1. Write a response to the following questions/prompts about this book as though a parent was seeking your opinion and recommendation.
 - A. Tell me about the storyline or plot of this book in 2-3 sentences.

 - B. What age group would you recommend this book for and why?



- C. How could you involve the child while reading this story to make it more interesting or fun? List 2.

- D. If you had to extend this book with a game or activity that incorporated one of the PIES, what would it be? Name the activity and briefly explain the connection to the area of development and how it would apply.

- E. What is/are the theme(s) of this book? List as many as apply.

Book #2

- 2. Write a response to the following questions/prompts about this book as though a parent was seeking your opinion and recommendation.
 - A. Tell me about the storyline or plot of this book in 2-3 sentences.

 - B. What age group would you recommend this book for and why?

 - C. How could you involve the child while reading this story to make it more interesting or fun? List 2.



D. If you had to extend this book with a game or activity that incorporated one of the PIES, what would it be? Name the activity and briefly explain the connection to the area of development and how it would apply.

E. What is/are the theme(s) of this book? List as many as apply.

Book #3

3. Write a response to the following questions/prompts about this book as though a parent was seeking your opinion and recommendation.

A. Tell me about the storyline or plot of this book in 2-3 sentences.

B. What age group would you recommend this book for and why?

C. How could you involve the child while reading this story to make it more interesting or fun? List 2.

D. If you had to extend this book with a game or activity that incorporated one of the PIES, what would it be? Name the activity and briefly explain the connection to the area of development and how it would apply.

E. What is/are the theme(s) of this book? List as many as apply.



Choose the book you enjoyed the most along with your SKETCHNOTES and grid to help you answer the following prompt.

Book # _____ **Title** _____

Based on your *Characteristics of a Good Children's Book SKETCHNOTES and grid answers*, is the book you selected and reviewed a good children's book or a poor children's book? Provide at least 3 characteristic present or not present, along with specific evidence or lack of evidence from the book that supports or refutes your claim. Remember to include an introduction, 3 reasons with supporting details and a conclusion.

