

WRITE SOURCE

Responding to Literature (Nonfiction)

LESSON 42

A Nonfiction
Book Review
Prewrite

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Review

Writing a nonfiction book review means **talking about a nonfiction book you read.**



Beginning

In the beginning, we write about **the title** and **the author**.

Middle

The middle tells **what the book is about** and shares **interesting facts**.

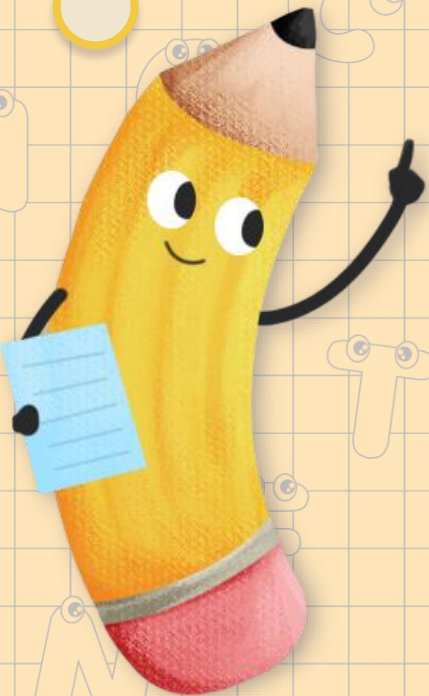
Ending

The ending tells **why you like the book**.

Today we'll learn ...

The Writing Process of a Nonfiction Book Review:

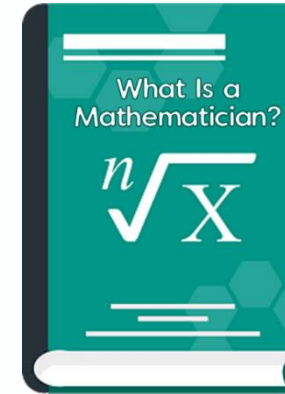
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Lead-in

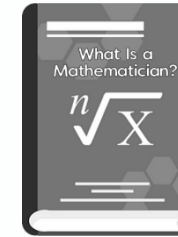
Look and think.

Alice wants to write a nonfiction book review. What did she do for prewriting?



Step 1: Choose

She chooses a nonfiction book to review.
What book did she choose?



Step 2: Read

She reads her book.

What should she take note of when reading the book? Tick the boxes.

- ☐ book author
- ☐ main content of the book
- ☐ the price of the book
- ☐ book title
- ☐ interesting facts
- ☐ how she feels about the book



Let's Learn

A Nonfiction Book Review- Prewrite



book author



book title



main idea of the book



interesting facts



the price of the book



how she feels about the book

We can use these pieces of information to do step 3.



Step 3: Gather

She gathers facts on a fact sheet.



Fact Sheet



1. I read What Is a Scientist?
by Barbara Lehn.
2. The book is about what scientists do.
3. I learned that scientists ask a lot of questions
They do experiments. Sometimes they
keep trying again and again.
4. I like this book because science is my best
subject.

Fact Sheet



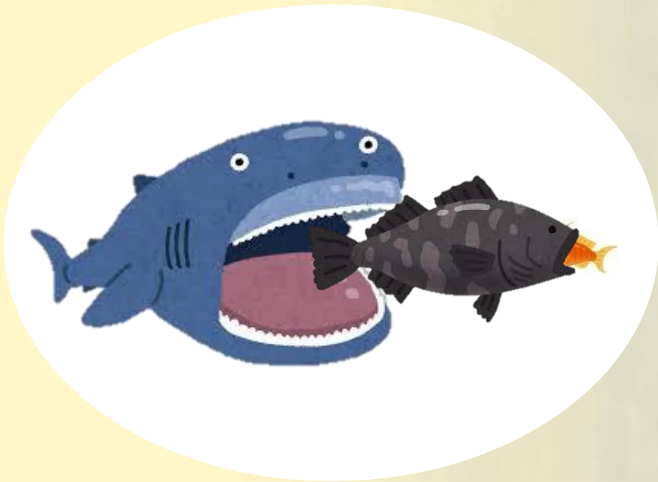
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Middle
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Ending
(why you like it)

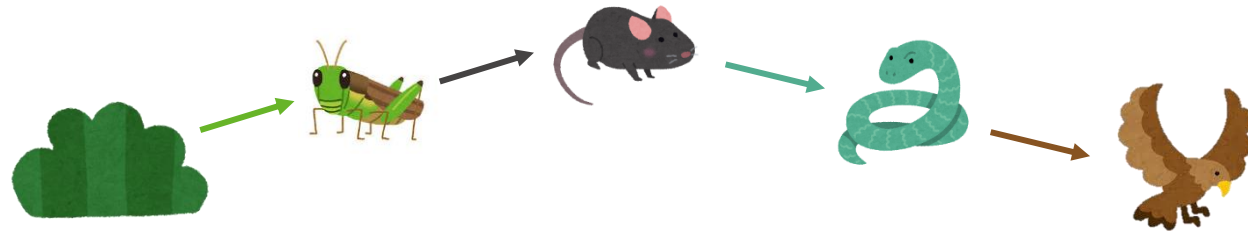




The Food Chain

by Leras Williams

Most food chains begin with plants that become food for animals. Let's look at a food chain.

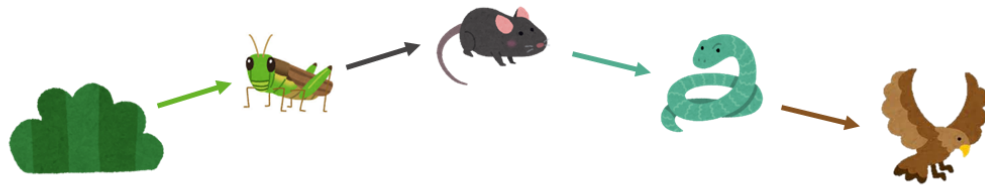


A grasshopper eats the plants. The grasshopper gets bigger.
A mouse eats the grasshopper. The mouse grows bigger.
A snake eats the mouse. The snake grows bigger.
An eagle eats the snake. The eagle grows bigger.

Let's Do

Finish a fact sheet.

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Fact Sheet



1. I read _____
by _____
2. The book is about _____
3. I learned that _____

4. I like this book because _____

Take a picture of it
for the next class.



Prewrite

Write

Revise

Edit

Publish

★ Choose a book.

★ Write a fact sheet.

Choose → Read

- I read ...(book title) by...(author)
- The book is about...
- I learned that...
- I like this book because...

