ACADEMIC BOOK REVIEW

Book Review

A critical review form for college and university reading

Book cover

Book title	Author
Reviewer	Course
Instructor	Date

I. Full citation

☐ APA ☐ MLA ☐ Chicago ☐ Harvard

II. Author & context

III. Audience & purpose

IV. Thesis or main argument

in your own words

V. Summary of key points

i.

ii.

iii.

VI. Strengths

VII. Limitations

VIII. Evaluation

1 = weak, 5 = excellent

Criterion	1	2	3	4	5
Clarity of the main argument	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quality of evidence and sources	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Organisation and structure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Writing style and readability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Contribution to the field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

IX. Conclusion and recommendation