

Guidelines for Book Reviews



Content

Review means that you understand the writer's premise, and will now summarize and critique in your own words, what you have gathered from the book. You can best accomplish this by taking brief notes while reading the book.

The beginning of the paper will state your abstract (a thesis paragraph that presents a brief overview of the paper's key points). The abstract should also include the relevant main points that were made in the book. The body of your paper should address each of the main points that were stated at the beginning of your writing.

The body of the *review* should answer the following questions:

1. Did the writer clearly communicate his premise for the book ?
2. Did the writer prove his premise?
3. Was the writer able to expose you to new truths, or cause you to rethink some conclusions that you had previously drawn? If so, how? If not, why?
4. What connections were you able to make between the book, course lectures and the Bible?

The conclusion of the *review* should answer the following questions:

1. Would you recommend this book to others? If so, why?
2. Was the book an aid to your understanding of the class content? If so, how?
3. How will you take the information gathered from the book and apply it to your life?

Format

Please follow these APA guidelines when formatting your paper for submission:

- 3-5 pages, typewritten or word processed (not including cover or reference page)
- 12 inch font
- Times New Roman or Arial font
- 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left, right)
- Double spaced
- Your paper should include a cover page, abstract, body, conclusion, header, subheadings, citations and a reference page (if applicable).
- A reference page (bibliography) should be included if your citations come from sources other than the course text, or the material that you are reviewing.
- When citing the Bible, please note the scripture reference in the paper. It is not necessary to include the Bible on the reference page, as it is a required course text.

APA writing support and resources can be viewed on the website at

<http://www.savethenations.com/our-ministries/school-of-ministry>

***All papers are to be submitted via email attachment unless otherwise specified by your instructor.**