

**Logos Christian College**  
**Guidelines for Book Reviews**  
**Graduate Level**



1. All papers are to be 7-10 pages (not including cover page), typed and double-spaced.  
**Transmission via email attachment is preferred. Make personal copies for your protection.**
  2. **Cover Page**
    - a. Upper left hand corner  
"Name of School or Extension"  
"Course Number and Name of Class"  
"Name of Instructor / Mentor"  
"Term (winter, spring, summer, fall) and Year"
    - b. Upper right hand corner: **Your name**
    - c. Centered on page:  
**Book Review**  
of  
"Title of Book"  
by  
"Author of Book"
  3. **Format:** The second page starts the *Book Review's* content
    - a. First sentence of first paragraph on first page begins 3 inches from top of page.
    - b. All paragraphs are to be indented 5-7 spaces.
    - c. Left hand margin 1 1/2 inches, right hand margin 1 inch, top margin 1 inch and bottom margin inch.
    - d. Pages are to be numbered beginning with page 2. The first page of the paper (not the cover page) is page #1 and is not to be numbered)
  4. **Content**

Review means that you understand the Author's premise for writing the book and will now summarize and critique in your own words what you understand the Author communicated. The first several paragraphs will state the thesis and relevant main points made in the book with commentary on each of the main relevant points. The body of the *Book Review* will consist of answering the following questions:

    - a. Did the author clearly communicate his premise for writing the book?
    - b. Did the author prove his premise?
    - c. Was there evidence of proof that helped you to believe that the author was thorough in his research? If not, what areas do you see that needed to be covered? Use examples.
    - d. Was the author able to expose you to new truths or cause you to rethink some conclusions that you had previously drawn? If yes, how? If not, why?
    - e. What controversial statements were made by the author? Why were these statements controversial?
- Note:** You can best accomplish this by taking brief notes, or underlining provocative statements in your book as you read.
5. **Conclusion**
    - a. Would you recommend this book to others and why?
    - b. Would you not recommend this book to others and why?
    - c. Was the book an aid to your understanding of the class content?