

# DESTINY QUEST

## A Student Guide

Destiny Quest is a brief book review that counts for a Language Arts writing grade. The review is entered into the Media Center's Destiny software and is made available online for the entire school population. One review is due per trimester and each must be completed and submitted in a timely manner. No late reviews will be accepted.

Each review must include a minimum of five (5) complete and correct sentences. Those sentences must include: title of the book and author's name; personal opinion of the book; brief summary of the book that does not give away critical parts of the plot; and the age or grade range that the reviewer thinks appropriate for the book.

Reviews will be graded prior to acceptance into the Destiny Quest database. Students should look to the rubric below for information on grading criteria. If a student's review remains unapproved, it is the student's responsibility to see the media specialist regarding their review.

	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
Intro/Hook	An interesting opening that includes the title and author of the book.	Average opening that is missing either the title or author of the book.	Basic opening with no author or title are listed.	No attempt at opening sentence or identification of book.
Summary	A detailed summary of the basic plot of book (no spoilers).	A summary that offers too little of the plot for the reader to make sense of the book. A summary that spoils the ending of the book.	A vague statement on what the book is about.	No attempt to include a summary.
Commentary	Review offers a thoughtful opinion on the book and includes a grade/age recommendation.	Review offers a basic like/don't like opinion on the book and includes a general grade/age recommendation.	Review offers a basic opinion and does not include a grade/age recommendation.	No opinion expressed. No recommendation given.
Spelling, Grammar, Structure	The review contains no spelling, grammar or structure errors, including capitalization and punctuation.	The review contains no spelling errors, but has minor grammar or structure errors (i.e. subject/verb agreement or punctuation).	The review includes several errors, including spelling or punctuation.	The review is full of errors.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ 12=100; 11=90; 10=80; 9=70; 8=60; 7 or below=40