

## Book Jacket Project

Imagine that you have been hired by a publishing company to create a book jacket for the novel you are reading. Your book jacket must have:

A. A drawing on the front cover, which is clearly related to the book (do NOT copy the drawing on the cover). This should be your original work. The drawing should include the title and author.

B. A back cover that contains one "major" review and three "one-liner" reviews.

\*The "major" review: This review should be two to three paragraphs long. One paragraph will be a short summary of the novel. The other paragraphs will be your personal review of this book. You must include a quote from the book to support one of your statements. (See example attached). Don't forget to use an interesting lead!

\*The "one-liners": These reviews will be three simple one line sentences about the book. After the sentence, you will write the person or magazine who is reviewing the book (you may use names of real people, magazines, or newspapers, but you must create the review yourself).

*Example:* "I couldn't put this book down!" Ray Bradbury, author.

C. Front and back flyleaves. These flyleaves will contain four elements of literature, each at least a paragraph long. Two should fit on the front and two on the back. You may choose out of the ten terms given on your Elements of Literature — NOTES.

*How do I get started?*

1. Finish your novel.
2. Review *above info.*
3. Sketch your drawing.
4. Draft your reviews and elements of literature paragraphs (remember to use supporting evidence and quotes).
5. Check your drafts — *spelling, punctuation, neatness, etc.*
6. Show your work to someone and ask for feedback.
7. Make any changes.
8. Create your final draft.

DUE:

## Major Review Sample

Downriver  
Will Hobbs

Like Gary Paulson, Will Hobbs writes adventure stories with descriptions that pull you into the pages. In Downriver, a story set in the Grand Canyon, he writes, "We passed under the bridge, a graceful arch composed of hundreds of steel girders, towering above us in the world of stone and sky like a monumental work of art. There was an eerie quality about it, as if it were the vestige of an ancient civilization."

I especially like Downriver because it has a lot of information and detail about rafting and lifesaving skills. I also like how the main characters sort out their difficulties and have a "who cares" attitude toward the police who try to capture them. (Makes you wonder why the police are after them on the Colorado River....)

Hobbs' words keep the story moving and alive. "It was amazing how high our energy level shot up with the arrival of those helicopters. Our quiet, brooding camp came alive like a nest of fire ants stirred with a stick."

I've read all of Hobbs' books and can't wait for the next one to be out!

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*This review includes:*

- an interesting lead
- a short summary of the plot
- a personal review (I liked because...)
- quotes from the book supporting his statements
- who reviewed the novel and the place he lives

Your review should include the above for full credit.