

Please describe your reaction to the book. As you explain your reaction, you may want to consider the following questions:

- **Fiction:**

- Is the plot complex yet simple enough for young readers?
- Are the characters age-appropriate?
- Are the characters likeable?
- Can young readers connect with the characters?
- Is pertinent information included to create a clear sense of the setting (time and place)?
- Is the problem or conflict one that young readers can explore?
- Do the theme, moral, or message offer young readers something to think about, question, or consider?
- Are the illustrations age-appropriate?
- Do the illustrations compliment the story?
- If it is a wordless picture book, are the illustrations powerful enough to tell the story without words?
- If it is an alphabet, concept, or counting book, should it be included in a collection?
- Do you like the book? Would you give it to a child you know?

- **Non-Fiction:**

- Is the title accurate?
- Do the topic and details encourage further exploration?
- Are the structural aids (i.e. bold type, italicized words, captions, etc.) age-appropriate?
- Do the structural aids promote understanding?
- Are the graphics (i.e. illustrations, diagrams, photos, etc.) well executed?
- Do the graphics (i.e. illustrations, diagrams, photos, etc.) support the text?
- Do you like the book? Would you give it to a child you know?

Teaching Applications:

- How can you use this book in the classroom?
- How will your students benefit from using this book in the classroom?