6-Page Book Report Template

Page 1 – Title & Introduction

Heading:

- Book Title
- Author
- Year of Publication
- Genre
- Your Name & Date

Introduction (1–2 paragraphs):

Briefly introduce the book and the author. State why you chose this book. Present your main thesis (your overall opinion or insight about the book).

Example:

"In *A Man for All Seasons* by Robert Bolt, the author portrays moral integrity in the face of political power. This report explores how Thomas More's conscience becomes the ultimate test of faith and principle."

Page 2 – Summary of the Book

Objective Summary (3–4 paragraphs):

Outline the setting, main characters, and main events. Focus on the central conflict or problem. Avoid opinions here — keep it factual and clear.

Tip: Write as if explaining to someone who has never read the book.

Page 3 – Character Analysis

Main Character(s):

Describe the protagonist: motivations, struggles, growth. Discuss key secondary characters and their influence on the story. Include at least one quote or passage that captures a character's essence.

Themes through Characters:

What human qualities or flaws does the author reveal through the characters?

Page 4 – Themes and Symbols

Central Themes:

Identify 2–3 main ideas (e.g., justice, love, sacrifice, freedom, etc.). Explain how the author develops these themes through plot or dialogue.

Symbols or Motifs:

Identify recurring images, objects, or ideas and interpret their meaning. Example: "The river in the novel symbolizes the flow of time and the inevitability of change."

Page 5 – Evaluation and Personal Reflection

Critical Evaluation:

What worked well in the book (style, structure, emotional power)? What didn't work or could be improved? Compare it to other books you've read by the same author or on similar topics.

Personal Reflection:

How did this book affect you personally? Did it change your thinking or feelings about its subject?

Page 6 – Conclusion and Citations

Conclusion:

Restate your main thesis in light of your analysis. Summarize what the book teaches or why it matters today. End with a thoughtful insight or takeaway.

Citations / Bibliography:

List the book and any other sources (essays, interviews, websites) in MLA or APA style.