ERWC nonfiction Book review.

Write a two-or-three-page book review on your outside reading nonfiction book (600-900 words).

First draft is due Friday, November 18.

Final draft is due on line Monday, Nov. 28. If you finish early you can post to turnitin over break.

Here are instructions and model for the book review:  
http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/bookrev/read.htm

1. Before you begin writing, make a few notes about the points you want to get across.
2. While you're writing, try thinking of your reader as a friend to whom you're telling a story. Your audience is other teenage readers. It’s ok to use personal pronouns.
3. Try to mention the name of the author and the book title in the first paragraph — there's nothing more frustrating than reading a review of a great book but not knowing who wrote it and what the title is! Include year published and that it is nonfiction.
4. If possible, use one paragraph for each point you want to make about the book. It's a good way to emphasize the importance of the point. List the main points in your notes before you begin.
5. Try to get the main theme of the book across in the beginning of your review. Your reader should know right away what he or she is getting into should they choose to read the book!
6. What do you like or dislike about the book's writing style? Is it funny? Does it give you a sense of the place it's set? What is the author's/narrator's "voice" like?
7. Use a few short quotes from the book to illustrate your points. This is not absolutely necessary, but it's a good way to give your reader a sense of the author's writing style.
8. Make sure your review explains how you feel about the book and why, not just what the book is about. A good review should express the reviewer's opinion and persuade the reader to share it, to read the book, or to avoid reading it.
9. Do research about the author and incorporate what you learn into the review. Sometimes a sentence or two of biographical information can help you formulate your opinion about the book, and gives your review a "depth." Remember, a book doesn't come directly from a printing press, it's a product of an author's mind, and therefore it may be helpful to know something about the author and how she or he came to write the book