

## WRITING #4 - MRS. C'S ENGLISH

### BOOK CLUB #1 - KIRKUS-STYLE REVIEW

**FOCUS: BIAS, STEREOTYPE, CODESWITCHING, PROFANITY/LANGUAGE USE**

Study the Kirkus Review of your (or any) book club choice.

Things to notice:

- The length – double-spaced these are about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a page
  - In the spot of a title, they use the last line
  - Start with one opening and straightforward sentence
  - Write a full and detailed paragraph that provides some summary (without major spoilers) and some commentary or opinion
  - If you use quotes w/in this paragraph, be sure to put them in quotation marks
  - End with one powerful sentence that captures the essence of the book
1. You could consider the examples a pattern or template and mimic the reviewer's structure and style.  
OR
  2. Craft your own review in a style that suits you.
  3. To tie your book club read with concepts from class, make sure you mention how the author addresses or includes any of the following:
    - Bias/stereotypes
    - Codeswitching
    - Profanity/language use
  4. Use the yellow highlighter feature to highlight the spot(s) where you mention the class concepts from #3.
  5. **MOST IMPORTANT: Your review needs to be YOURS!! Don't plagiarize.**

Tech Steps:

1. Open your Dropbox – and go to your DRAFTS folder.
2. Choose CREATE NEW FILE & start a new WORD document.
3. Write your review. Make it "good." Reread it to be sure it makes sense.
4. Make sure it looks like a review.
5. Work on this writing in your drafts folder until you are satisfied that it says what you want to say.
6. Title the doc Yourlastname Writing 4 (not literally – replace that with YOUR last name)
7. To SUBMIT – move your appropriately named document to the your submissions folder (use the menu – 3 dots – button to choose move and then select the folder to move it to).
8. DO NOT share the document. I already have access to your folders so that is an unnecessary step.

## REVIEW LINKS

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/jason-reynolds/all-american-boys/>

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/elizabeth-acevedo/with-the-fire-on-high/>

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/tiffany-d-jackson/mondays-not-coming/>

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/nicola-yoon/everything-everything/>

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/angie-thomas/hate-u-give/>

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