# Components of a Review

| INTRODUCTION | The introductory paragraph usually includes:  
|              | • bibliographic information about the book  
|              | • title  
|              | • author  
|              | • publisher  
|              | • place of publication  
|              | • date of publication  
|              | • thesis, the reviewer’s opinion of the book.  
| BODY PARAGRAPHS | The body paragraphs generally include:  
|                 | • a brief summary of the book  
|                 | • For fiction: details on characters, setting, and plot.  
|                 | • For nonfiction: explanation of the main points.  
|                 | • For poetry: style, language, and theme  
|                 | • very concrete material that supports the reviewer’s opinion of the book.  
|                 | The body paragraphs may also include:  
|                 | • comparison and contrast to similar pieces.  
|                 | • connections to literary trends.  
|                 | • background material about the author and his/her other works.  
|                 | • information that defines the expertise of the reviewer.  
| CONCLUSION | The conclusion should:  
|             | • reiterate the main points the reviewer has made.  
|             | • leave the reader with a clear and memorable impression of the work reviewed.  