

Book Review Writing Center

Product Contents:

Library Center Signs with Learning Targets / Goals and “I will” Statements

- **EDITABLE** in PowerPoint .pptx and Google Slides file format
- Printable for 8.5” x 11” letter-size paper
 - Landscape and portrait versions; blackline and color versions
- A view-only file of the library center sign can be posted in a closed virtual or remote learning environment

Reading Center

Writing and Sharing Book Reviews



Learning Goal: I am learning to write about and support my opinion.

I will **login** to the Destiny online catalog,
OR
go to a book review website.
I will **write** a review of the book using my
FIRST NAME only.
(2 or more sentences)
I will **publish** my review for others to read.

Reading & Language Center –

Library Model Curriculum

- Draw supporting evidence from literature or nonfiction to make an information need.
- Use technology and keyboarding skills to interact and collaborate.
- Use technology and keyboarding skills to produce and publish a product.
- Apply proper etiquette when using technology.

Common Core Standards for English Language Arts

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and evidence.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.1a Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and state reasons and evidence to support the opinion.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.1b Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by relevant evidence.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.5.6 With some guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce, publish, and update a product or project for a community of learners.

AASL National School Library Standards



I. INQUIRE –
Build new knowledge by

inquiring, thinking critically, identifying problems, and developing strategies for solving problems.

C. Share – Learners adapt, communicate, and exchange learning product with others in a cycle that includes:

1. Sharing products with an authentic audience.



III. COLLABORATE –
Work effectively with others to broaden

perspectives and work toward common goals.

B. Create – Learners participate in personal, social, and intellectual networks by:

1. Using a variety of communication tools and resources.
- C. Share** – Learners work productively with others to solve problems by:

1. Soliciting and responding to feedback from others.



growth mindset developed through experiences and reflection.

A. Think – Learners develop and satisfy personal curiosity by:

1. Reading widely and deeply in multiple formats and write and create for a variety of purposes.

write engaging in a community of practice and an interconnected world.

A. Think – Learners follow ethical and legal guidelines for gathering and using information by:

1. Responsibly applying information technology, and media to learning.

C. Share – Learners responsibly, ethically, and legally share new information with a global community by:

1. Disseminating new knowledge through means appropriate for the intended audience.

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Flip Over for Standards Addressed

Video Walkthrough and Directions for Distributing to Students – [YouTube](#)

Book Review Writing Center Contents:

Printable and Digital Rubric Checklist

- Students to self-check and/or peer-assess their written reviews
- Printable version is **editable** in PowerPoint .pptx
 - 8.5" x 11" letter-size paper, side fold for peer review rubric on reverse
 - Blackline and color versions
- Google Form for digital self-check and/or peer assessment

Does my book review have...

A clear opinion of what I think of the book? *

☐ Yes

☐ Sort of?

☐ No

1 or more reasons to support my opinion? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Spoilers or surprises given away? *

Spoilers are when you tell something important that happened in the book so it surprises someone who didn't read it yet.

☐ No, I did NOT give away any spoilers.

☐ Yes, I wrote some spoilers.

Book Review Writing Center Self-Check and Peer Feedback

My book review has:

	Yes	Sort of	No
A clear opinion of what I think of the book	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 or more reasons to support my opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No spoilers or surprises given away <small>No = No spoilers given away, Yes = Some spoilers are revealed</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 or more sentences written	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete sentences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All words spelled correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Self-Check

When you finish your self-check, trade your review with another student. Fold along this line, and complete the peer feedback with honesty and respect.

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ks in a red or yellow box, revise your review.

he next time you write a review?

What will you do differently the next time you write a review?

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Comprehensive Lesson Plan aligned to:

- **EDITABLE** in Google Docs and Microsoft Word .docx file formats and aligned with standards for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.
- Includes AASL National School Library Standards for Learners (2018), National Common Core Standards, and Pennsylvania (PA) Core ELA Standards

Teacher's Notes and Terms of Use

1. This **library center** product is designed to be used with elementary students in an in-person library class, but it can also be used for remote and/or virtual lessons. Students will write reviews of a book they have read, and they will support their opinion with reasons.
2. If your library uses Destiny® online library catalog, **students may also have the option to publish them for other library users to read.** Student could also publish their reviews on a class website or an online book review website such as [Bookopolis](#), [Biblionasium](#), or [DogoBooks](#) (may require a paid membership or subscription).

Tech requirements: Publishing book reviews on your school library catalog requires Destiny® web-based library management software, or similar online catalog software, **AND** students most likely need usernames and passwords in order to login to the online catalog. Check with your tech department to make sure your students can access the book review writing features.

3. **For in-person instruction**, edit and print out the PowerPoint slides you want to use on 8.5" x 11" letter-size paper. Then add the printed center sign to your center table with a few copies of the Book Review Self-Check and Peer Feedback Rubric.
4. **Print the Book Review Self-Check and Peer Feedback Rubrics double-sided** so that students can fold the right side over and ask a friend to give them feedback using the same rubric.
5. I **LOVE** using [Avery presentation books](#) (affiliate link) for this center. You can put the center sign in the front cover pocket, then slide a few of the rubrics and the competencies/standards page into the page protectors inside.

To save time and ink on printing the Self-Check and Peer Feedback Rubrics, you can have students use a dry-erase marker over them and wipe it off the page protector inside when they are done.

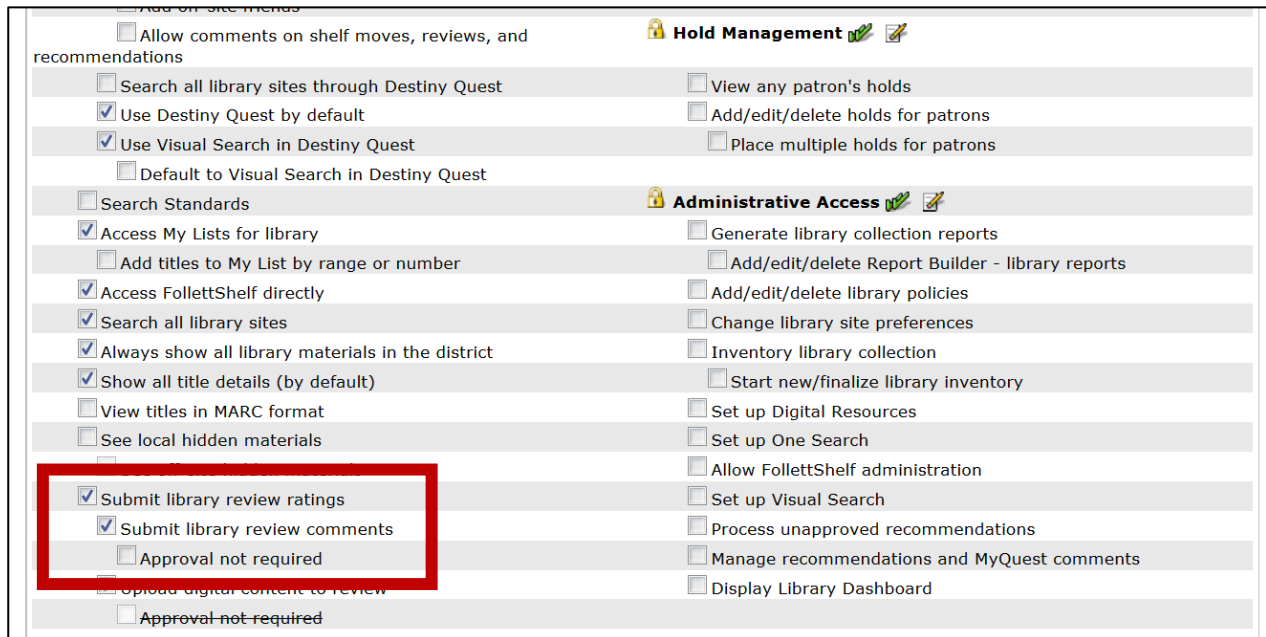
Teacher's Notes and Terms of Use (continued)

6. **For an online or hybrid lesson**, you can edit the center signs to meet your needs and export a single slide or save the whole PowerPoint presentation as a PDF file. Then post the PDF file according to the directions on the next page.
7. **If your students have access to devices**, or at least a computer in the library, they can use the digital Google Form to self-assess and/or peer assess their book reviews.
8. **Reviews can be “graded” by completion and length.** As long as the review is 2 or more sentences and spelling is reasonable, I recommend publishing or approving the student's review within the Destiny library catalog. I might correct some of the spelling, but if it's unreadable, I simply delete the review.
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How to Set-up this Destiny for Students to Write and Publish Book Reviews

These directions are accurate as of March 2022. Your screen may look different depending on how your Destiny® Library Manager software is set up. Consult your tech department or contact Follett directly if you don't see these settings.

1. Login to Destiny® Library Manager.
2. Go to the **Admin** tab at the top
3. Click on the **Access Levels** tab on the left.
4. Edit the **Patron** or **Student** access level (or whatever level your students are given when they are added to the system. It's probably the "default" one, but check a patron's record to be sure).
5. Scroll down to the **Library Catalog Search Access** column.
6. Check the boxes next to "Submit library review ratings" and "Submit library review comments."
DO NOT check the box for "Approval not required"



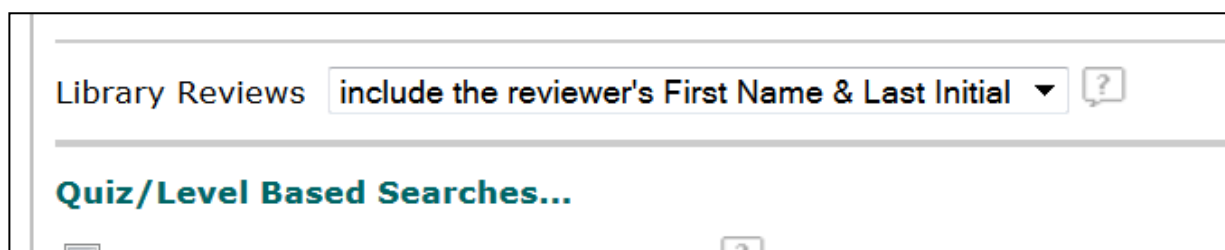
The screenshot shows the 'Library Catalog Search Access' column in the Destiny Library Manager Admin tab. A red box highlights the following settings:

- ☒ Submit library review ratings
- ☒ Submit library review comments
- ☐ Approval not required

Other visible settings include:

- ☐ Allow comments on shelf moves, reviews, and recommendations
- ☐ Search all library sites through Destiny Quest
- ☒ Use Destiny Quest by default
- ☒ Use Visual Search in Destiny Quest
- ☐ Default to Visual Search in Destiny Quest
- ☐ Search Standards
- ☒ Access My Lists for library
- ☐ Add titles to My List by range or number
- ☒ Access FollettShelf directly
- ☒ Search all library sites
- ☒ Always show all library materials in the district
- ☒ Show all title details (by default)
- ☐ View titles in MARC format
- ☐ See local hidden materials
- ☐ Hold Management
- ☐ View any patron's holds
- ☐ Add/edit/delete holds for patrons
- ☐ Place multiple holds for patrons
- ☐ Administrative Access
- ☐ Generate library collection reports
- ☐ Add/edit/delete Report Builder - library reports
- ☐ Add/edit/delete library policies
- ☐ Change library site preferences
- ☐ Inventory library collection
- ☐ Start new/finalize library inventory
- ☐ Set up Digital Resources
- ☐ Set up One Search
- ☐ Allow FollettShelf administration
- ☐ Set up Visual Search
- ☐ Process unapproved recommendations
- ☐ Manage recommendations and MyQuest comments
- ☐ Display Library Dashboard

7. Scroll down the bottom and **click Save**.
8. While still in **Admin** tab, go to the **Site Configuration** tab on the left.
9. Scroll down and choose an option for showing the student reviewers' names.
10. Scroll down and **click Save**.




The screenshot shows the 'Library Reviews' section in the Site Configuration tab. The dropdown menu is set to 'include the reviewer's First Name & Last Initial'.

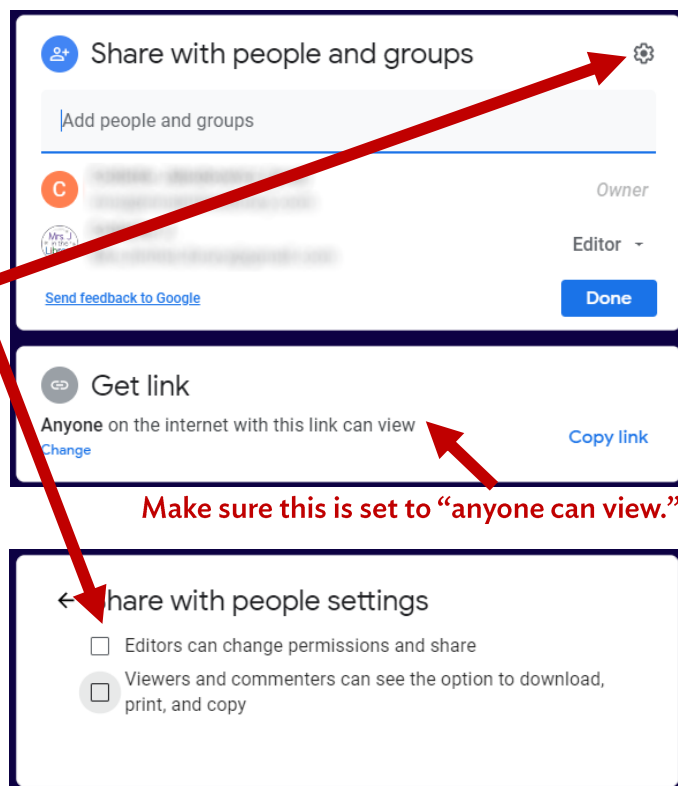
Quiz/Level Based Searches...

How to Set-up this Center in Google Drive/Classroom

1. If you want to edit the any of the lesson materials, I recommend keeping the “original” and making a copy for your edited version.
2. Set the permissions for your edited files in Google Drive.

IMPORTANT! You must set the sharing permissions for the uploaded PDF files to: **“Anyone in your district can view”** AND go to the  icon to **UNCHECK** both boxes for **“Editors can change permissions and share”** and **“Viewers and commenters can see the option to download, print, and copy”** Click the **“Done”** button to save your changes or the back arrow from the advanced settings.

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3. If you are using this lesson in Google Classroom, add it as an “assignment” if you want students to turn it in, or if you are required to keep track of which students are competing the activity. Otherwise, post it as a “material” so students don’t have to turn it in.
4. If you are posting it as an assignment, **add the digital activity as an attachment** from your Google Drive. Set the permissions for these files to: **“Students can view this file.”**
5. **You can write your own directions, or you could just say “click to open”** if you have included your own video directions. I like to use [Emojipedia](#) to add emojis in the title and description more colorful and fun.
6. **Add a link to your library website, databases, or related online resources** if you are using the extra activity choices.
7. Finally, **post your assignment or material in Google Classroom** (or multiple Google Classrooms, if you want).

[Watch the video tutorials.](#)

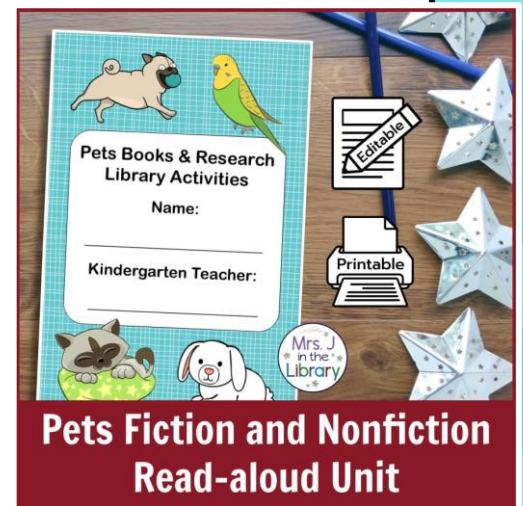
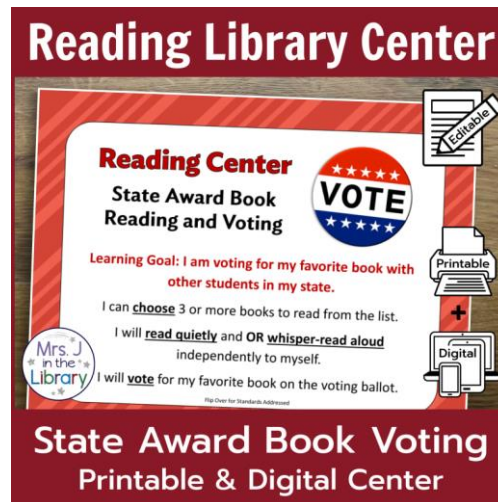
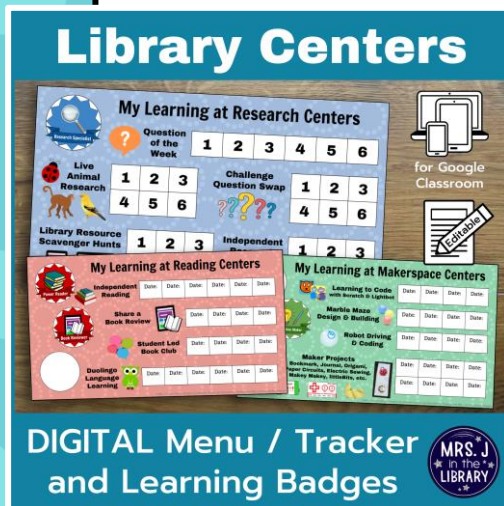




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**I'm a teacher-librarian with
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I believe teacher-librarians and library spaces should inspire and empower students to create, as well as read, research, and think critically. I teach with literature-based activities in K-2 classes and library centers in grades 3-5, in addition to teaching collaboratively with classroom teachers and managing my library's physical and digital spaces. You can find me online at [Mrs. J in the Library](https://www.mrsjinthelibrary.com), and on social media.

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