

## Non-Fiction Book Report (on a Math Topic)

### Introduction – 3 marks

Here you want to provide basic information about the book, and a sense of what your report will be about. You should include:

1. Title (underlined)/Author
2. Publication Information: Publisher, year, number of pages
3. Genre
4. A brief (1-2 sentences) introduction to the book and the report/review.

### Body

There are two main sections for this part. The first is an explanation of what the book is about. The second is your opinions about the book and how successful it is.

#### Explanation – 8 marks

A good place to start is to explain the author's purpose and/or the main themes of the book. Then you can summarize.

Provide a general overview of the author's topic, main points, and argument. What is the thesis? What are the important conclusions?

Don't try to summarize each chapter or every angle. Choose the ones that are most significant and interesting to you.

#### Analysis and Evaluation – 8 marks

In this section you analyze or critique the book. You can write about your own opinions; just be sure that you explain and support them with examples. Some questions you might want to consider:

- Did the author achieve his or her purpose?
- Is the writing effective, powerful, difficult, beautiful?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the book?
- For non-fiction, what are the author's qualifications to write about the subject? Do you agree with the author's arguments and conclusions?
- What is your overall response to the book? Did you find it interesting, moving, dull?
- Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

### Conclusion – 3 marks

Briefly conclude by pulling your thoughts together. You may want to say what impression the book left you with, or emphasize what you want your reader to know about it.

### Additional Details – 3 marks

- Include 3 – 5 direct quotes / excerpts from the book (write page numbers in brackets)
- Spelling and grammar count
- Write in a logical and coherent manner. The report should be easy to read
- No plagiarism!!