

# BOP Book Report Guide

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Use this as a guide to write your BOP book report. Throughout your book report, remember that you should write in your neatest cursive, or you can also type your paper. Also, remember if you write it to leave a 1-inch margin on the left and right side of your paper. Your heading should match the heading above, with your name, date, and subject in the upper right-hand side. Below that, and centered, you should write the title of the book, underlined. Below the title of the book, please write the author's name. Skip a line, and you are ready for your introduction!

**Introduction:** The introduction should hook the reader, let the reader know what the title of the book is, and who the author is, and it should provide details about the setting and main characters in the story. If you make a comment about the trait of a character (for example, they are caring), then you need to support that with evidence from the book. Notice that it is indented.

Have you ever been called a Loser? Well, if you read *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli, you might think twice before calling somebody names. *Loser* has a familiar setting, and delightful characters! The setting in *Loser* is a brick and hoagie town. The story takes place around the main character's home and school. The main character of the story is a boy named Donald Zinkoff. Donald is a very kind boy. One example of Donald being kind is that he makes his new neighbor, Andrew, a gigantic cookie when he moves next door. Donald is also different from other kids. One example of Donald being different is that he has an upside down valve in his stomach, and that makes him throw up easily. Other characters in the story include his mom, dad, sister, a little friend named Claudia, a bully named Gary Hobin, and many more!

**Problem:** The second paragraph should let the reader know what the main problem in the story was. Since it's just a paragraph, you have to be careful about what details to share so it's not too long. Notice that it is indented!

Loser is all about Donald, and the problems he faces. Donald's main problem is that everybody thinks he's a loser. They think he's a loser because he never wins at anything! It gets really bad when he's in fifth grade. He was given a huge lead in the big relay race, and his team was excited that they were going to finish in first place. Well, Donald ended up being so slow that his team finished in last place, and everybody started calling him LOSER! At first, Donald doesn't notice, but as he gets older and the story moves along, it bothers him more and more.

**Solution: The third paragraph should let the reader know what the main character did to solve their problem. Typically, a character fails a few times before solving their problem, but not always.**

It wasn't easy for Donald to solve his problem. He tried to make friends, but it just never worked out. He made a cookie for his new neighbor, but it dropped to the floor as soon as he gave it to him. He also tried making friends with Hector Binns, but that didn't last! Hector was more interested in making ear-wax candles than new friends. The problem is solved when Donald goes out looking for a lost, little girl in the snow. Claudia, his friend, went missing in the snow one night. Donald went searching the streets for her for SEVEN HOURS! He suffered hypothermia and had to be rescued himself. The really sad thing is that Claudia actually wasn't lost. This helps Donald solve his problem because the other kids notice that although he never wins at anything, he is kind, and he's a very loyal friend.

**Conclusion: The conclusion should communicate the moral of the story. Stories are written to teach lessons, so think carefully about what the moral of the story is, and share that. In addition, you will want to give your review of the book. Did you like it? Why or why not? End with a concluding statement...something with gusto! Notice that it is indented!**

Loser is a wonderful book with interesting characters, a nice setting, and an entertaining plot. The book teaches important lessons about life. One moral in the story is that kindness is more important than being a super athlete, or being the smartest kid in the classroom. Another moral of the story is that friends take care of each other. Loser is a FANTASTIC book!

**Vocabulary:** Finally, make a list of 10 new or interesting words that you encountered while reading your book. Define the words in your own words. You may use a dictionary, but do not copy the definition word-for-word.