**Guidelines for Destiny Quest Book Reviews**

* Choose a book you either really like or do not like. Do not choose a book that you feel neutral about; this will usually guarantee a very bland review.
* Try to choose a book that is not too well known. For example: *Harry Potter* or *Hunger Games* are very popular and well-known. Our goal is to inform other students about books they may not discover on their own.
* Your first sentence should include the title of the book and a “hook” type of opening. This will grab the interest of the reader.
* Write a short plot synopsis of at least three to four sentences, without giving away the ending!
* Additional information about the book you may include with your synopsis:

-Genre

-Writing style

-Characters

-Additional suggestions: i.e. “If you like this book, you may also like…”

* Tell the reader what you thought of the book. You can be honest. If you didn’t like it, feel free to say that. Whatever you thought, be sure to explain **why** you liked or disliked the book. You may not say “It was stupid,” or “I hate to read” in your review. Was it the writing style? Was there something about the characters? Did you agree or disagree with the message of the book? The more specific you can be about this, the better the review will be.
* Your ending sentence should include a target audience. For example, you might say “6th grade boys”, or a “mature audience”, or “kids who like adventures.”
* You should use proper grammar, punctuation, spelling and full sentences since these will be part of the library catalog.
* Your review should include well-developed thoughtful sentences but should not be longer than 1000 words (this includes your name and grade level at the end). If you use more text than that, *Destiny* will cut you off, and we won’t be able to publish your review properly.