

Storyline

1. Was there an interesting hook? What grabbed your attention within the first few pages?
2. Did you feel that pieces of the story were missing? Was there a backstory needed?
3. How was the story developed – told or showed?
4. Were there any major errors in the story (character names, changing events, etc.)?
5. Were there any distinct clichés?
6. How was the pacing?
7. Were there points in the story where you found yourself getting bored? Did you ever put the book down voluntarily?
8. What was your favorite scene? Why?
9. What was your least favorite scene? Why?
10. List your three favorite things about the story.
11. Would you read the next story, if it were part of a series?

Technical

1. Did the POV change? If so, were you able to keep track of who was speaking?
2. Were there any timing issues with scene changes, chapter organization, or events?
3. Was any information new to you? If so, did the author explain in a way that you enjoyed?
4. Did the narrator's voice match the story, time period, etc.?
5. Was information repeated unnecessarily?
6. How was the language used?
7. Is there an appropriate mix of dialogue and narrative?
8. Are there any confusing sections that should be made clearer?

Characters

1. How unique or original were the characters?
2. How did the author do with character descriptions?
3. Does each character have realistic motivations, reactions, or desires?
4. Does any character act out of character at any point? When and why? Did it make sense?
5. Did the characters have depth? Were their skills developed or did things come easily?
6. Who was your favorite character? Why?
7. Who was your least favorite character? Why?
8. Was the protagonist someone you could root for? Were they compelling or sympathetic?
9. How developed were the secondary characters?