

BOOK REVIEW

Before You Write

Read the book review. How is it organized? Check (✓) the correct diagram.

A Diner in Dansville

by Jack Houston

Michael Robinson has been managing the town's diner for 20 years. He does not like his job, and he wants to move to the big city. However, he stays in the town because of the people there. There's Trish, his daughter, who is having problems in high school. There's Jane, his wife. And there's his Aunt Felicia, the woman who owns everything in town.

This is probably Houston's best novel. In it, he draws a fascinating picture of life in a typical American small town. The story moves a little slowly, but the character development is excellent. I think it is one of the greatest novels of the 21st century.

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Your First Draft

A Complete the chart with information about a book you read.

Title: _____ Author: _____
 Main events: _____
 Things you liked: _____
 Things you didn't like: _____

B Write a review of the book you chose. Use the information from your chart and the review of Houston's book as a model.

C PAIR WORK Read your partner's book review. Write answers to these questions.

1. What do you like about the book review?
2. What information is unclear?
3. What else do you want to know?

Your Second Draft

Use your partner's answers to revise your book review.