

Book Review: *The Call of the Wild* • Issue: November 16-30, 2009

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# Write a Book Review

In this issue, we published a book review by seventh-grader Malcolm Nash. Have you recently read a book that inspired you like *The Call of the Wild* inspired Malcolm? Use this guide to help you write a review. Then send it to *Scope*, 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. (Be sure to include a consent form. Ask your teacher.) You might just see YOUR review in a future issue!

## Organize Your Thoughts

1. What is the book's title, and who is the author? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where does the book take place and when? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the genre (adventure, tragedy, mystery, comedy, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe the main character(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Summarize what the book is about in two sentences. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is the theme or main idea of the story? (Example: One theme of *Stardust* is that society can't tell you who you are; you must follow your own path to achieve great things.)  
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7. What kind of person might enjoy reading this book? (Example: If you love stories about adventures at sea, then you won't want to miss Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.)  
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8. What is your overall impression of the book? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Time to Write!

Use your responses to the questions above as an outline to write your review. Then decide on a central point, such as *This novel shows how friendship helps teens cope with hardship*. Put your central point in the first paragraph.