Middle School Book Report Format

Thesis idea: This book is unique - Do not use the word "unique" anywhere in the report. Use your thesaurus to find a better word!

Paragraph Order:

1. Introduction
2. Setting
3. Characters
4. Plot
5. Plot Resolution
6. Conclusion

Paragraph Description:

I. The introduction contains the thesis idea.

II. The setting describes the time period and location.

III. The section on characters mentions minor groups of characters but names and describes the major ones.

IV. The plot explains what the major character attempts to do:

to discover	to overcome	to adapt	to learn	to find
to become	to mature	to solve	to conquer	

V. The plot resolution - How are the final problems solved? How does everything work out? What is the final attitude of the main character(s)?

VI. The conclusion - an evaluation of the book as a literary work. What was the author's purpose? Does the book teach a lesson or a moral? Are the characters role models? Why is it recommended?

Introduction:

Sentence Order	**Example**
1. Arouse the reader's interest with an attention grabbing question.	How would you feel if a tornado suddenly lifted you away to a new land?
2. Name the character(s) in such a situation. Name the book title and author.	Such an adventure happened to Dorothy in the book, *The Wizard of Oz*, by Frank Baum.
3. Present the thesis sentence: why the book is unique: Although there have been similar books, this book is unique because <u>who</u>? <u>does what</u>? and <u>where</u>?	Although there have been other children's adventure stories, this one is unique because Dorothy helps the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion find the qualities they seek while traveling with her in the land of Oz.

Topic Sentence Suggestions:

Setting	One reason this book is appealing is setting.
Characters	Another reason this book is different is its characters OR is that its characters are all.... (brief description).
Plot	In addition to the setting and characters, the plot adds (or the problems add) to the distinctiveness of the book.
Plot Resolution	The way in which the problem(s) is solved is totally unexpected.
Conclusion	For these reasons, this book is appealing OR therefore, for these reasons, this book is recommended.