Basic Guidelines for the Book Review

1) Times New Roman 12 point font
2) Three to four pages in length
3) Name, class you are in, the due date, and the name of your professor will be in the upper RIGHT hand corner of the first page.
4) Each page will be numbered in the upper right hand corner with the exception of the first page.
5) Style will be in the MLA format UNLESS you are a History major or looking to go into the History professions. In which case you will use Chicago style. I will be happy to provide instruction on this independently.
6) Tell me the thesis the author has in his or her book. Do you agree with it? Why or why not?
7) What was the purpose the author had for writing the book? This is not always the thesis.
8) Was the author qualified to write the book? Do other authors disagree?
9) How readable was the book, what was its style, what audience was it written for?
10) What is the quality of the source material? Primary sources, secondary sources, what is your assessment? Did the author do their homework?
11) Would you recommend this book to someone else? Why or why not?