

Evaluation Guidelines and Annotations

Here is an example of a story evaluation and some guidelines for writing an evaluation paper.

Click each guideline to see how it works in the example essay.

A story evaluation

- ¥ includes the author and title of the story
- ¥ gives a brief summary of the story
- ¥ introduces the paper's main idea (overall evaluation)
- ¥ evaluates one or more story elements
- ¥ uses details to make each evaluation convincing

Annotations

- ¥ The writer includes the author and title of the story.
- ¥ The writer gives a brief summary of the story. Readers know that the story is about Squeaky, a runner, and her brother Raymond.
- ¥ The writer evaluates the story elements. The story has real characters, a serious theme, and suspense.
- ¥ Details support each evaluation. These details are from the story.
- ¥ The writer draws a conclusion, based on evaluation of the elements. Readers learn that the book is good enough to read a second time.