## A simple guide for a book review

- Not writing a book report; only a presentation
- Focus on a few major issues: why, what, how
- A brief evaluation of the work to be included
- 1. WHY section deals with the questions and problems that the author encounters in the writing.
  - Why did the author bother to write a book in the first place?
  - What kind of problems and questions is the author trying to solve and answer?
  - Are there any unspoken assumptions taken for granted?
- 2. WHAT section presents a thesis statement in a brief and yet concise sentence that epitomizes the author's argumentation.
  - What is the main point that the author emphasizes in a nutshell?
  - Exact quotations can be useful if you can find any. If not, summarize them in your own words.
  - A couple of sentences should suffice.
- 3. HOW section elaborates a thesis statement in that a process of solving problems is well documented.
  - Main body of a book review.
  - More detailed summary of author's argumentation
  - Any new methodology employed to revisit old questions/problems?

## 4. EVALUATION

- Do you agree/disagree with the author? Why?
- Any suggestions for further studies?

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