

# Pre-Uni New College

## 2025 Term 3 Book Review Competition



Are you ready to uncover the deeper meaning behind your Term 3 WEMT novel and share your unique insights? Take part in our book review competition!

Every book helps you master grammar, expand your vocabulary, and think critically. By analysing your novel, you'll delve into themes, characters, and writing styles, gaining a richer understanding of storytelling.

Quality literature plays a vital role in developing strong literacy skills, and this competition is your chance to showcase your analytical abilities.

#### Who can enter the Book Review Competition?

The competition is open to students in Years 1 to 5 who enrolled in Term 3 WEMT/EMG course at Pre-Uni New College.

#### How to enter the competition

Submit a detailed book review of your Term 3 WEMT/EMG novel through the 'Book

#### Review Competition' menu on Cyberschool.

Entries will be evaluated based on your comprehension of the book and writing skills. Make sure to highlight your unique voice and perspective—we're looking for originality and insight!

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#### **Novel List for 2025 Term 3 Book Review Competition**

Year 1 EMG	Year 2 WEMT	Year 3 WEMT	Year 4 WEMT	Year 5 WEMT
The Queen of Pirate Island by Bret Harte	Tum Tum the Circus Elephant by Richard Barnum	Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson	The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame	<b>Treasure Island</b> by Robert Louis Stevenson

#### **Competition Closing Date**

All entries must be submitted by Saturday, 18th October 2025.

#### **Prize for Winners**

Winners will be announced in **December 2025**. The winning entries from each grade will be awarded a \$100 tuition credit that can be used for enrolling in either holiday or regular term courses at the Pre-Uni New College branch where it was issued.

For further details, please refer to the competition rules and conditions on the following pages.

#### 2025 Term 3 Book Review Competition - Rules & Conditions

- 1. This competition is open to Years 1 to 5 students who enrolled in the 2025 Term 3 WEMT/EMG course at Pre-Uni New College.
- 2. All book reviews must be based on the novel chosen from the **2025 Term 3 Novel List**, corresponding to each student's grade see Page 1.
- 3. Students must submit their comprehensive book reviews via the 'Book Review Competition' menu on Cyberschool by Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- 4. Participants are required to ensure the coherency of sentences, accurate spelling, proper use of grammar and punctuation, as well as the appropriate organisation of paragraphs in their reviews. Marks will be awarded solely to well-presented and completed reviews, adhering to the book review guidelines provided below:

#### Year 1 Book Review Guidelines – The Queen of Pirate Island

- Book Summary:
  - Introduce Polly, a girl with a big imagination.
  - Explain how a toy ship leads her to a magical pirate island.
  - Describe her island adventures, friendships, and challenges.
  - End with what she learns about bravery and storytelling.
- Personal Opinion:
  - What did you enjoy most?
  - Who was your favourite character, and why?
  - What lessons did you learn?
  - How did the book make you feel?
  - Would you want to visit a pirate island??

#### ❖ Year 2 Book Review Guidelines – Tum Tum the Circus Elephant

- Book Summary:
  - Introduce Tum Tum, a young elephant from the wild.
  - Describe how he learns new circus skills and makes friends.
  - Share the challenges he faces and his moments of courage.
  - End with the lessons he learns about friendship and strength.
- Personal Opinion:
  - What did you enjoy most in Tum Tum's story?
  - What was your favourite part, and why?
  - What lessons did you learn about kindness or bravery?
  - How did the story make you feel?
  - Would you like to meet Tum Tum or go to a circus like his?

#### Year 3 Book Review Guidelines – Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales

- Book Summary:
  - Introduce the magical collection of fairy tales.
  - Pick one or two favourites and briefly share what happens.
  - Describe the main characters and their challenges.
  - Mention the important lessons the stories teach.

- Personal Opinion:
  - Which fairy tale did you like most, and why?
  - How did the characters and story make you feel?
  - What did you learn about kindness, bravery, or never giving up?
  - How are these tales different from other books you've read?
  - Would you recommend them to a friend?

#### ❖ Year 4 Book Review Guidelines – The Wind in the Willows

- Book Summary:
  - Introduce Mole, Rat, Toad, and Badger—close friends with big adventures.
  - Share how Mole discovers the riverbank and explores it with Rat.
  - Highlight Toad's wild love for motorcars and the trouble it causes.
  - Describe how his friends help him grow and reclaim his home.
  - Touch on themes of friendship, growth, and adventure.
- Personal Opinion:
  - Who was your favourite character, and why?
  - What was the most exciting or fun moment in the story?
  - What did you learn about being a good friend or making better choices?
  - How did the story make you feel?
  - Would you enjoy exploring nature like Mole and Rat?

#### Year 5 Book Review Guidelines - Treasure Island

- Book Summary:
  - Introduce Jim Hawkins, who finds a treasure map and sets sail on the Hispaniola.
  - Describe the dangers he faces with Long John Silver and the pirate crew.
  - Share the adventures and challenges on Treasure Island.
  - Highlight themes like loyalty, adventure, and betrayal.
  - Finish with how Jim grows through the journey.
- Personal Opinion:
  - What was the most exciting part of Jim's adventure?
  - Was Long John Silver just a villain—or something more?
  - What did you learn about courage or trust?
  - How did the story make you feel?
  - Would you enjoy going on a treasure hunt like Jim?
- 5. The tuition credit awarded as the prize for this competition can be used for enrolling in either holiday or regular term courses at the Pre-Uni New College branch where it was issued. This credit is non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. Any remaining credit will expire 90 days from the issuance. The terms and conditions governing the use of this reward credit may be subject to change at any time without prior notice.