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**Directions:** As you read the various book reviews, consider the author’s opinion of the book and what argument the writer is making.

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