

How to Write a Film Review

Introduction

You can start off with information about the film (e.g. financial aspects, awards, reviews) and/or the director (e.g. awards, former movies). Also quotes and/or anecdotes may catch the reader's attention. You can also describe what you expected from the film.

Main part

Provide a **brief summary** of the plot. Make sure that your summary makes sense to a reader who does *not* know the movie. Do *not* refer to specific scenes. Is the plot interesting, believable or rather predictable?

Present the **main actors and their characters** and say something about their performance. If you like you may give reasons why you identify with a certain character. Are the actors believable?

State your **opinion** of the movie and give reasons for it. What are its strengths and weaknesses (camera, soundtrack etc.)? Support your opinion with specific scenes.

You can relate the film to other well-known examples of its **genre** (thriller, comedy, drama etc.) and/or **theme**. What is unique about your film? Does it have a specific message? If so, do you agree with this message? In which respect is your film superior/inferior?

You can place the film in its **cultural context** and/or describe/speculate on the **director's intention and message**.

Conclusion

Either recommend the film or advise against seeing it. Is this only a film for teenagers, women, young men, ...? Take care that your final judgement is logically developed from what you have written before.