

Language Arts 7 Writing a Movie Review

Task: Write a review of a movie.

You may choose any movie that you like or dislike. If you felt a movie was not worth watching, this may be the best movie to review. State the reasons why a particular movie was awful or wonderful. Whether it was a favourite or a stinker, be sure to include both positive and negative criticisms. Leave out unnecessary details. Do not describe the entire movie.

Ensure to include the following:

Introduction: Get the reader interested in the movie (use a fact, a story, a quote or a statistic) In this paragraph, state what you are going to write about.

Storyline : Describe this briefly. Answer the question: What is the movie about? Do not give away important details of the movie.

Acting: Which actors – actresses stand out and which do not?
Was an actor was not convincing in his role? If so, state the reasons why.
Should a particular actor win an Oscar for the performance?

Special effects: Are they impressive? Or are they only mildly effective? Explain.
(These may not be used in your movie)

Music – Was it overpowering-distracting? Did it help add to the emotional impact of some scenes?

Conclusion – Would you recommend this movie? Why or why not? Give it a rating out of five stars.

Include 1 sentence using a participle phrase in each paragraph.

Tearing up every time I think of Bambi's mother,...

Shocked to the point of disbelief,....

The review should be written as though you were directly talking to someone thinking of going to see the film. Talk to them, tell them what you thought, give them the details. *Most importantly, keep it short, tight and specific.*

