

How to Write a Movie Review:

The Five Parts of a Movie Review

Part #1 - Intro (1 short paragraph)

Catch the Reader's Attention - If you liked the movie, then your "Intro" should make people want to see it; but if you didn't like it, the "Intro" should be something that shows why you didn't like it. This lays the foundation of your review.

Intro Examples:

Comparison: (Talladega Nights) is like (Days of Thunder) meets (Dodgeball). The adrenaline filled races are complemented by endless, over the top, sidesplitting antics. You'll bust a gut...and wanna go fast!

Relation: If you like movies that grab you by the throat and put you through the wringer then Vacancy is for you. It will keep you in suspense from start to finish. One of the smartest, yet scariest thriller movies in years.

Scenario: A couple checking into a desolate motel when their car breaks down is to horror films as "knock-knock" is to stand-up comics: it must have one amazing punch line to be any good. Vacancy is the equivalent of the "chicken crossing the road" - we've heard/seen it a million times.

Part #2 - Summary (1 - 2 paragraphs)

Recap briefly, but don't give away anything big. You should give them the basic plot points, and tell them how the story builds, but don't give away key moments, especially not the ending! And keep it brief.

Part #3 - Review (3 or more paragraphs)

Back up your main opinion with specifics. The readers already know what your opinion of the movie is. It's time for you to prove it. In these paragraphs, go into detail about several important things that stood out about the movie - use examples. Pick 3: a) Music, b) Setting, c) Special Effects, d) Filming, e) Entertainment Value, f) Favourite Scene or Important Scene, g) A Great Acting Performance or an Interesting Character, h) the Message.

*****Be honest in your review.** A comedy should be funny, a horror movie should be scary, etc.; judge the movie against those standards, not against any pre-existing opinions you may have (bias against genre or actors, etc...). It will make the review more valuable to the reader and honest writing is always best.

Part #4 - Recommendation (1 short paragraph)

You've already evaluated the Movie. Do you recommend it or not? Who will like it (kids or adults)? Give at least two reasons why you liked or didn't like the movie.

Part #5 - Evaluation (The final statement)

This is your final evaluation or "grade" that you give the movie. "Two Thumbs Up" or "Five Stars" etc... Try to make up your own!

*****At the very bottom of your review, Write the Title of the movie, the Director, the main Actors, the Length, the Year, and the Rating.**