

Writing A Film Review

What is a review?

- It gives information.
- Expresses opinion.
- Gives reasons for opinion.
- Provides an overall summary.
- Focuses on key details.
- Uses persuasive techniques.



Step 1 - Choose a film to review. You could choose your favourite film, or a film you have recently seen.

Step 2 - Brainstorm your ideas, writing down as much information as you can about the film. Think about the following;

- Characters
- Plot
- Setting
- Likes/dislikes
- Acting
- Special effects

Step 3 - Now write your review. Below there is a structure you should try to follow.

Step 4 - Use the checklist on the last page to make sure you have included all features of a film review.

Film Review Structure

1. Introduce the film and its genre - explain what the film is about, remembering not to give away the ending and don't go into too much detail.
2. Write about the actors - who are they and in your opinion do they perform well in the film.
3. Write about parts you like during the film and give reason why.
4. Write about parts you dislike in the film and give reason why.
5. Give your overall opinion of the film.
6. Give the film a star rating out of 5.

Features of a Film Review Checklist

Have I...



included the title of the film, the year it was made and who directed it?	
opened my review with a strong first sentence that makes the reader want to read on?	
included the genre of film?	
mentioned some of the key actors by name?	
stated who the film is targeted at?	
given a summary of the plot without giving away the ending?	
stated where this film sits in a series, and whether I would watch the next film (if there is one)?	
given my opinion of the film?	
used powerful adjectives and adverbs to add further detail?	
mentioned the strengths of the film, with specific detail?	
mentioned the weaknesses of the film, with specific detail?	
