



Essay writing

Review essay planner

A review essay evaluates the quality of a book, film, website etc to inform, entertain or persuade an audience.

A review essay (or response) could look like this:

INTRODUCTION	Provides the context of the work.	The writer should identify the type of work (a film, book, play, poem, website, etc) and its genre (eg fantasy, adventure, parody).	Begin with a tantalising first sentence.
		Identify details of composer, actors, publication details etc.	
		An early evaluation of the text to entice the reader to continue reading the review.	Include evaluative language such as: <i>funny, enjoyed, of particular interest, suitable.</i>
BODY	Provides a summary of the work. Can be one or more paragraphs.	A selective summarised recount of the main event(s), characters and features of the work.	Aim to answer the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Who? ■ When? ■ What? ■ How? ■ Why?
JUDGMENT	Provides the reviewer's opinion of the work and a recommendation.	What is the reviewer's opinion of the work? Include positive and negative aspects and a recommendation about the overall value of reading or viewing the work.	Use evaluative language eg <i>inventive, imaginative</i>
		A final recommendation for the audience to view, read or listen to the text.	eg <i>Viewers of all ages will enjoy this film.</i>

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