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:

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<th>INTRODUCTION</th>
<th>Provides the context of the work.</th>
<th>The writer should identify the type of work (a film, book, play, poem, website, etc) and its genre (eg fantasy, adventure, parody).</th>
<th>Begin with a tantalising first sentence.</th>
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<td>Identify details of composer, actors, publication details etc.</td>
<td>An early evaluation of the text to entice the reader to continue reading the review.</td>
<td>Include evaluative language such as: funny, enjoyed, of particular interest, suitable.</td>
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| 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:  
  - 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 inventive, imaginative |
|              | A final recommendation for the audience to view, read or listen to the text. |                                              | eg Viewers of all ages will enjoy this film. |

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