

Review

Useful Language

Introducing the Subject

OPENING:

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...?

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

[TITLE] IS THE LATEST...

SETTING SCENE:

SET IN...

TAKING PLACE...

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF...

Description & Opinion

DESCRIBING:

THE PLOT REVOLVES AROUND...

THE ATMOSPHERE WAS...

THE PERFORMANCE FEATURED...

EVALUATING:

WHAT STANDS OUT MOST IS...

PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE WAS...

UNFORTUNATELY, THE...

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

I WAS ESPECIALLY MOVED BY...

WHAT DISAPPOINTED ME WAS...

Final Assessment

RECOMMENDING:

I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND...

IT'S WORTH SEEING/READING IF...

DEFINITELY WORTH A VISIT...

RATING:

OVERALL, I'D GIVE IT...

THIS DESERVES...

Criteria

TONE: SEMI-FORMAL TO INFORMAL, ENGAGING AND PERSONAL.

STYLE: DESCRIPTIVE AND EVALUATIVE WITH PERSONAL OPINIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

COHERENCE: WELL-ORGANIZED WITH CLEAR INTRODUCTION, BODY, AND CONCLUSION.

ACCURACY: VARIED VOCABULARY WITH APPROPRIATE DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE.

Structure

TITLE
RELEVANT TO TOPIC

Introduction

- ENGAGING TITLE
- HOOK THE READER
- BASIC INFORMATION (WHAT/WHERE/WHEN)
- YOUR OVERALL IMPRESSION

Paragraph 2-3

- DESCRIBE KEY FEATURES/ASPECTS
- BALANCE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE
- GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES
- INCLUDE PERSONAL OPINIONS
- COMPARE TO SIMILAR ITEMS IF RELEVANT

Ending

- SUMMARIZE MAIN POINTS
- CLEAR RECOMMENDATION (OR NOT)
- FINAL MEMORABLE COMMENT
- WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?