

How to write a movie review

Title

- Mention the title of the movie.
- Think of a creative way to grab your readers' attention and interest them in your review.

Introduction

- Start by giving general information about the film (e.g. awards, financial aspects, etc.).
- Mention the director and relevant details about him/her (e.g. previous awards, movies, etc.).
- Discuss what you were expecting from the movie before seeing it.

Main part

- Start off with a **brief summary** of the plot, adding whether you find the plot itself convincing, predictable, exciting, etc.
- Name the **main actors and their characters** and discuss whether you were able relate to them.
- Mention any notable or impressive scenes that spring to mind.
- Does the movie fit into any of the well-established **genres** (thriller, comedy, drama, etc.) or deal with common **themes**?
- Try to think of a message the director may have wished to express; do you agree with his or her views?

Conclusion

- Come to a logical conclusion based on the ideas you have presented.
- Is the movie likely to appeal to a certain target group? If so, why?
- Would you recommend the movie to others or advise against seeing it?

aspects examined:

- **basic facts:**
 - director: Roland Emmerich
 - length: 124 minutes
 - PG rating: PG (Parental Guidance) – 13
- **genre:**
 - disaster movie: one among many
- **plot:** weak
 - destruction of Tokyo
 - tornadoes in Los Angeles
 - flooding of New York
- **special effects:**
 - first 20 minutes: monumental pictures
 - wolves on the Russian ship: suspense
- **actors/characters:**
 - Jack Hall: occasionally absurd
 - Sam Hall: no judgement on his performance
 - Lucy Hall: criticism of her facial expressions