

MOVIE OPTION FOR NOVEL

Write up your review using this format:

First off, the following questions are designed to help you generate and focus your ideas when writing a movie or play review. You won't need to answer all of these questions for your paper, but many of the answers will help you discover information and focus your thinking.

Keep these questions in mind as you are watching the film. Ask yourself these questions again as you prepare to write your paper and focus in on the aspect of the movie you want to write about.

- In general, did I like this film? Why?
- Did I agree with the main theme/purpose? Why or why not?
- What specifically did I like/dislike? Why?
- Did the author/actors/director do a good job? Why or why not?
- How could it be improved? Why would particular changes help?

After you have answered these questions, begin selecting and organizing the information that you'll include in your paper using the following steps:

Introduce the subject, scope, and type of movie or play

Identify the film by **director** and **title**.

Specify the **type** of film (for example, comedy or tragedy). Help your readers to review with perspective.

Mention the movie's **theme**.

Sometimes you will need to include **background** to enable reader(s) to place the film into a specific context. For example, you might want to describe the general problem the story addresses.

Briefly summarize the content

Briefly review the story line for readers, being careful not to give away anything that would lessen the suspense for readers.

Provide your reactions to the film

Describe the movie: Is it interesting, memorable, entertaining, instructive? Why?

Respond to the opinions expressed in the film: What do you agree with? And why? What do you disagree with? And why?

Explore issues the film raises: What possibilities does the movie suggest? Explain. What matters does the movie leave out? Explain.

Relate the storyline to larger issues: How did the film affect you? How have your opinions about the topic changed? How is the movie related to your own life or personal agenda.

Conclude by summarizing your ideas

Close with a direct comment on the movie, and tie together issues raised in the review. Briefly restate your main points. If you like, you can offer advice for potential viewers.