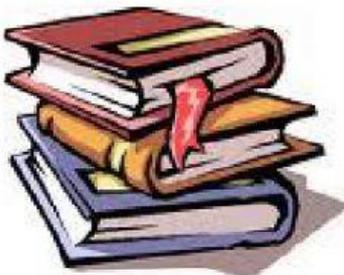# HOW TO WRITE A REVIEW

- A review is a description or an evaluation of a movie you have watched or a book you have read. It can also be used to review Websites and Computer games.

- Reviews are helpful because they inform the reader about the movie or book they may be interested in.

- Often a review will influence people by telling them a little bit about the story WITHOUT telling them everything. (You must NEVER give away the ending)

- While it is important to tell the storyline, do so briefly!

- Choose the main events which take place – NOT every detail.

- Use DESCRIPTIVE words to describe the movie or book (interesting, boring, adventurous, exciting, confusing, thrilling etc).

- Your opinion – Why did you like/dislike it?

- What was your favourite part? And why?

- If you could change something what would it be and why?

- Did you like the character/s?

- Your recommendation: Would you recommend seeing the movie or reading the book? Who would you recommend see it/read it?

- Would it be of particular interest to a specific group of people? (Explain: I would recommend this movie to all Australians because it deal with issues which are central to the heart of all of us).

- What type of language does it use? Does it use technical language, complex language or colloquial (everyday) language? By discussing the level of language used it will help the viewers or readers decide whether they will be able to understand and enjoy the movie/book.

BOOK REVIEW TEMPLATE

Title:	2 | P a g e
Author:	
Illustrator: (if applicable)	
Lead Character/s?	
What is the storyline or plot?	
Did you like this novel	Yes/No
Why? • Your opinion – Why did you like/dislike it? • What was your favourite part? And why? • If you could change something what would it be and why? • Did you like the character/s? • What is your recommendation?	
List at least 5 adjectives you would use to describe this text:	
• What type of language does it use? • Does it use technical language, complex language or colloquial (everyday) language? • Does the level of language make it easy or difficult for the reader to follow?	

FILM REVIEW TEMPLATE

Title: _____

Director: _____

Audience you are writing for: _____

Main characters and the actors that played them:

    1. _____

    2. _____

    3. _____

    4. _____

    5. _____

A comment stating your opinion: *(e.g. Director Gary Ross has created a quirky tale)*

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Brief Plot Analysis:

Do not reveal the ending or give a recount of the whole film.

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Analysis of key aspects of the film: *(Paragraph minimum for each area)*
Theme/Plot

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Genre-
What type of genre and why?

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Characters –
Choose one or two characters to look at in depth. *Hint: choose ones that polarise the audience e.g. love or hate them.*

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Film Features –
Costumes, sound/music, lighting, special effects, and cinematography – framing shots and camera angles.

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Rating:

Remember your review must be informative and entertaining!