

# Summer Writing – Movie Reviews

You will write three movie reviews. The directions and rubric follow.

Step one: Watch a movie. (I recommend anything on Disney +.)

Step two: Write a review and send it to Mrs. Flager.

Step three: Repeat. (Then repeat again.)

Paragraph one:

- In three to five sentences summarize the movie. Give basic plot outline while introducing main characters. Be sure to include the name of the movie, which should be underlined or in italics. *This is background, that is, what the reader needs to know in order to understand your essay.*
- Your last sentence should say whether the movie is good (worth seeing) or bad (not worth your time). *This is your thesis statement. You support your thesis statement in paragraph two.*

Paragraph two:

- Begin with a topic sentence. If you liked the movie, your topic sentence should read like this, “There are several things to like about this movie.” If you didn’t like the movie, your topic sentence should read like, “There are several things wrong with this movie.”
- Give three reasons why the movie is good or bad. Each idea should be supported by specifics from the movie. Here’s an example: My first reason for loving *Endgame* is that humor is injected even at the most serious times. For example, the first time Tony Stark meets Rocket, he says, “Up until this moment, I thought you were a Build-a-Bear.”

Paragraph three:

- This is your conclusion, so it should be short and to the point. Do you recommend this movie? *That is restating the thesis in a different way.* Finally, make a prediction or add a final thought.

When we return, you will get credit for this in the first trimester.

I will grade these using the following rubric. I will put a check by each bullet point if you have done the required writing. If all bullets are checked, you have earned a 100.

#### Introduction

- Movie is summarized in 3 to 5 sentences.
- Main characters are introduced.
- Name of movie is in italics or underlined.
- Thesis statement ends paragraph.

#### Supporting Paragraph

- Begins with a topic sentence.
- Reason #1
- Supported by example or explanation
- Reason #2
- Supported by example or explanation
- Reason #3
- Supported by example or explanation

#### Conclusion

- Recommendation or restating of thesis
- Final thought or prediction

#### Mechanics

- Spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization are correct.

As you finish each one, email it to me at [lflager@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:lflager@visitationacademyparamus.org).