

Movie Review

Go see a movie this summer and review it. (It doesn't have to be a new movie but the movie must have been released in the last two years, but it's fun to go to movies in the summer with friends-or better yet-take your parents) This is not the time to review your favorite Harry Potter movie or Toy Story. Although Roger Ebert (one of the best movie reviewers ever) died a few years ago, you may be able to find some of his terrific reviews at www.rogerebert.com. His website continues due to the efforts of his widow and faithful friends in the journalism community. You may find some of those to be inspiring. There is no length requirement, but it will probably be one typed page, using one and a half space in length. This assignment is due the first Friday of school in August. Remember, it's a review-not a summary. This is a much harder assignment than it sounds; please give this work a great deal of thought. You are writing an argument, not a summary. Reference the rubric provided-particularly the Movie elements section. When you submit your essay, please attach the rubric to your essay. Failure to submit your rubric will result in a three point deduction in your Benchmark grade.

Animal Farm

You are to obtain a copy and read George Orwell's **Animal Farm**. As you read **Animal Farm**, keep in mind it is a political satire, and that the novel is an allegory. An allegory is an extended comparison in which characters, events, etc. have symbolic meaning and work together to present a moral truth, promote a political message, or reflect a spiritual insight.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Szekacs at bryan.szeakcs@cslocal.org. Have a great summer!