

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 five 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 September. 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.szekacs@cslocal.org. Have a great summer!

Movie review rubric

Student Name _____ Date _____

_____/10 Focus: Your review establishes its central idea clearly and effectively in the opening and maintains this focus throughout the review. Each supporting idea is logically linked to the main idea.

_____/5 Conventions: Your essay's prose is written in grammatically correct English; it has no spelling or grammatical errors; it shows a sound understanding of the structure of a good sentence and paragraph.

_____/10 Plot: Your details included convey the importance of the plot. If plot points are omitted, the omission is purposeful, yet still contributes to the tone of the piece.

_____/10 Movie elements: Your inclusion of the critical elements of a movie is helpful, appropriately placed, accurate, and add to the overall understanding of the review. Elements include but are not limited to: actors' names, sound track, director's name, location of filming, special effects, costumes.

_____/5 Word Choice: Your word choice is accurate, appropriate for the review, and does useful work guiding the reader to the next idea.

_____/5 Sentence Structure: Your sentence structure aids in illuminating the meaning of the review and adds variety in the writing style.

_____/5 Opening: Your opening shows what you liked or disliked about the movie or conveys something interesting about a specific actor, character or plot point.

_____/50 Comments:

Focus

Conventions

Plot:

elements

Word

Sentence

Opening