

Paper 2: Review Essay

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- Assignment: Thoroughly review an artistic work. The work may be a play, film, piece of writing, art show, piece of music, or other artistic medium (approved by the instructor). Students will be required to analyze several components of the work; for example, if a student were to choose a film to review, he or she may want to include comments on the plot, setting, cinematography, direction, acting, and so on. This is **not** simply explaining that you liked or did not like the work, but instead must give several concrete reasons for your feelings. This is also **not** a description of the work itself (i.e. this is not a plot synopsis for a film).
- Purpose: To familiarize students with the process of academic critique in a relatively familiar setting. The goal of this paper is to prepare students to give reasons *and* to be able to support those reasons with real and concrete evidence.
- Requirements: Three page minimum. The audience addressed in this essay would be the type of person who would be likely to be interested in this artistic work. Voice, style, and form will vary according to audience. Minimal research is recommended. Area of research include: other films by the director, actors, etc.; other reviews of this work or others by the same artists; or interviews with people familiar with the work. DUE 2/20 FOR PEER REVIEW.