

MOVIE REVIEW

Notes for your review, using the 8-point formula

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FILM TITLE

YEAR

DIRECTOR

GENRE

RUNTIME

WHERE YOU WATCHED

YOUR NAME

YOUR RATING



SCORE _____ / 5

ONE-LINE VERDICT _____

THE 8-POINT FORMULA

1. PLOT SUMMARY the setup in 2 or 3 sentences, no spoilers

2. ACTING AND DIRECTION who stands out, and the choices behind it

3. THEMES what the film is really about

4. SOUND AND VISUALS score, cinematography, editing, design

5. PACING where it flies, where it drags

6. SPECIFIC EXAMPLES scenes, shots or lines that prove your points

7. DESCRIPTIVE WORDS 5 words that capture how it feels

8. RECOMMENDATION who should watch it, and why

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Outline your review, then write it

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HEADLINE

TARGET WORD COUNT

REVIEW OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION hook, film details, your verdict in one sentence

BODY PARAGRAPH 1 your strongest point, with an example

BODY PARAGRAPH 2 second point, with an example

BODY PARAGRAPH 3 what didn't work, or a third point

CONCLUSION restate the verdict, then recommend

BEFORE YOU HAND IT IN

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| ☐ Title, year and director in the first paragraph | ☐ A clear verdict before the end of the intro |
| ☐ At least 3 specific scenes, shots or lines | ☐ No spoilers past the first act (or a warning) |
| ☐ Acting, direction, sound and visuals all covered | ☐ A recommendation: who should watch it |
| ☐ Present tense for what happens on screen | ☐ Read it out loud once before you hand it in |