

Paper 3: 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 would 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: Four to six 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. Research and appropriate citations are necessary (as many as the student feels is appropriate). Possible areas of research include other essays that review the work, essays that review different works by the same artist, essays that review works in the same genre, and so on. Include information from the sources only as it is relevant—this should be mostly *your* own thoughts and not those of a different reviewer. DUE 10/24 FOR PEER REVIEW.