

Writing Reviews

Write two of the following types of reviews for a week from today. Both are due Monday, November 13. Choose things that are topical (a new movie, new CD, new release of an old CD, an upcoming performance, a recently published book, a restaurant teenagers might go to).

Movie review

- Interesting headline and lead paragraph
- Rating system is clear (4 out of 5 stars)
- Brief plot summary
- Opinion of the movie is clear from the first paragraph
- Opinion is backed up with specific references to the acting, story, directing, etc.
- Comparisons to other movies like it or movies the main actors have been in.

Live drama performance - "Kiss Me Kate" is Nov. 10, 12, 16, 17, 18

- Interesting headline and lead paragraph
- Brief plot summary
- Opinion of the movie is clear from the first paragraph
- Opinion is backed up with specific references to the acting, story, directing, etc.
- More emphasis on the quality of acting, directing, technical aspects.
- Talk about individual actors using this format: character (actor's name). Get direct quotes from people connected with the play: actors, techies, etc.

Book review

- Interesting headline and lead paragraph
- Brief plot summary
- Opinion of the book is clear from the first paragraph
- Opinion is backed up with specific references to the text, using direct quotes
- Comparisons to other books in the genre or books by the same author

CD review

- Interesting headline and lead paragraph
- Rating system is clear (4 out of 5 stars)
- Opinion of the CD is clear from the first paragraph
- Opinion is backed up with specific references to the musicianship, lyrics, sound engineering, etc.
- Comparisons to other CD's in the genre or CD's by the same artist

Restaurant review

- Interesting headline and lead paragraph
- Rating system is clear (4 out of 5 stars)
- Opinion of the restaurant is clear from the first paragraph
- Opinion is backed up with specific references to the food, prices, service, etc.
- More emphasis on the setting and atmosphere of the place

- Comparison to other restaurants serving similar food