

## Film Review Guidelines

**Paragraph 1:** Offer your overall impression of the film while mentioning the movie's title, director, and key actors.

**Paragraph 2:** Summarize the plot of the film

**Paragraph 3:** How did the actors portray key character roles? Did they fulfill your expectations given your knowledge of the original novel or play (if one exists)?

**Paragraph 4:** Were any particular film techniques used in key scenes? How did the film techniques and music enhance the setting and themes of the film? You may need two paragraphs to explain this information.

**Paragraph 5:** Address how well the film represents the novel or play. Offer evidence for your opinion. Remember to mention use of symbols and literary devices. Do they "transfer" from the novel/play into the movie well?

**Paragraph 6:** Ending paragraph--your last opportunity to guide the reader. Offer a clincher that tells the reader to attend the film or not.

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