Writing a Review

We’ve all read reviews of books, movies, or video games. But how do you write your own? On this assignment, you will become a movie critic.

**The Two Parts of a Review**

Good reviews are made up of two parts. The first part is the **summary** of the action in the movie. You want to give your reader information about what happens, without spoiling the entire plot. The key is to leave the reader wanting to see more of the film.

The second part is where you **give your opinion** of the film. What did you like or dislike? Why? Back up your opinions with support from the film. You can’t just say you like or dislike something—the why is the most important part.

A good review strikes a balance between the summary and the critique. It’s important not to have too much of one or the other.

We will write reviews of *Newsies*, *Singin’ In the Rain*, and at least one other musical during the semester. This will be the format for all of the reviews.