

## Movie Review

The purpose of a movie review is to help people decide if they might like to watch the movie. A movie review does not reveal details. It is the written version of movie trailer or preview. You provide just enough information to encourage potential viewers to watch the movie and discover the details and outcome for themselves. No spoilers within your review.

**For this movie review assignment, you will use your comprehension and writing skills.**

1. Choose a movie that is appropriate for showing in a grade 10 classroom. It is ok if you pick something that you have seen before, but not something that is too childish or that is inappropriate for a teacher to show in school. The movie you choose should have a connection to First Peoples. This connection might be in the characters/actors, setting, theme, writer or director. Email the teacher if you need a list of suggested movies.
2. Look at the title shot and make some notes about what you expect the movie is going to be about and why you chose to watch that movie. If it is a movie that you have seen before, try remembering back to the first time you watched it and what you were thinking.
3. Have paper and pen/pencil next to you when you are watching so that you can make note of your thoughts as you watch.
4. Once you have finished watching the movie, start writing your review. It should be written as an article that you could submit to a magazine that publishes movie and book reviews. Nothing in your review should say that this is a school assignment. Think professional writer.
5. Submit your completed assignment via email to [swilliams@sd85.bc.ca](mailto:swilliams@sd85.bc.ca). Share a google doc, email a file from another word processing program, or take pictures of handwritten work and email the photos.

### What should I write about?

#### *General Information About the Movie*

- What genre and type of movie is it?
- Is it part of a series?
- Are there any special effects? If so, what are they and how effective are they?

#### *Elements of the Story*

- main characters - names, ages, general personality description, physical appearance
- protagonist and antagonist
- type of characters - humans, aliens, animals
- type of conflict
- What is the challenge the main character faces? Do not reveal the resolution or outcome.
- general plot or premise of the story
- the theme or underlying message (without specifics)
- setting - past, present, future, earth, space, etc.
- How important is the setting to the story?

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### How can I get a good mark on this review assignment?

- share your opinion and back it up with evidence and explanation
- praise and criticize the movie in a constructive way - always explain why
- make comparisons to other movies in the same genre you have seen or other movies with the same actor/actors
- if its part of a series, compare this movie to the others in the series
- give the movie a rating, like a 5 star scale, and explain why you gave it that rating
- explain whether or not you will watch the next movie in the series (if it is a series) and why
- identify your favourite and least favourite parts of the movie, and explain why
- be original (avoid starting with “This movie is about...”)
- length should be more than one typed page double spaced at 12 font Times or Arial
- focus on your own writing style because this is a writing assignment
- proofread your writing and have someone else proofread it as well