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Activity: Teeny Tiny Film Reviews

We all have different opinions on different films. Maybe you love the Harry Potters but despise Lord of the Rings. Perhaps you're happy to watch a rom-com every night of the week but could never sit through a horror film! But who can we trust to tell us what's a great new film to watch? Well, most people look to **film reviews** which are written by a **film critic**.

A film critic... is responsible for viewing a film, taking notes while analysing the acting, plot, writing, directing, editing and cinematography of the films. They use their writing and analytical skills to craft a professional review which can help audiences determine whether or not they should view the film.



Chief Film Reviewer for *The Observer*, Mark Kermode

🍅 It's got a bebopping spirit that's difficult to resist.

February 3, 2021 | [Full Review...](#)

Nick Schager
The Daily Beast
★ TOP CRITIC

🍅 Doctor, Powers and Mike Jones have written a sweet, simple, happy, sad, soul-stirring story that reminds you that every now and then that it's important to stop and smell the flowers.

January 26, 2021 | [Full Review...](#)

Udita Jhunjhunwala
Scroll.in
★ TOP CRITIC

🌿 Even with the film's bid for a suspension of racial disbelief, the racial-passing narrative in the second act of *Soul* is acutely bizarre.

January 25, 2021 | [Full Review...](#)

Robert Daniels
Polygon
★ TOP CRITIC

🍅 An entertaining, exuberant effort about our existence with comedic shenanigans, deep thoughts and wondrous imagination.

January 22, 2021 | Rating: 3/4 | [Full Review...](#)

Brian Truitt
USA Today
★ TOP CRITIC

🍅 It's funny, and it's imaginative, but it's also just very, very real.

January 22, 2021 | Rating: 4.5/5 | [Full Review...](#)

Alissa Wilkinson
Vox
★ TOP CRITIC

🍅 *Soul* is nuanced and layered, but it's not perfect. Yet, despite the serious themes, the richness of the narrative and the stunning jazz score make it more than worthwhile.

January 14, 2021 | [Full Review](#)

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Here are a few examples of some short and snappy film reviews on the Disney classic: 'Soul'. These reviews were taken from the popular film reviewing site 'Rotten Tomatoes' where anybody can review a film of their choice.

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Now it's your chance to write a film review!

Have a think about what films you saw recently... whether you loved it or hated it now is your chance to share your thoughts and feelings!

Use the template and example below as a guide to create your very own 'Teeny Tiny Film Review'.

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FILM NAME BY YOUR NAME

YOUR REVIEW

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'SOUL' (2020) BY ABBY POLLOCK

"This film touched my **heart** and **soul** in the most magical way possible! Filled with jazz, surprisingly **familiar voices** and a delicate reflection on why **life is so precious**. This film is full of warmth and a must watch for **families to enjoy** over the chilly winter!"

To get you going here are some film reviewing tips from the members of the Cambridge Film Festival's Youth Lab of writers...

CHECK
YOUR FACTS ARE
CORRECT!

HIGHLIGHT KEY
THEMES!

MAKE SURE TO
PROOF READ!

PLAN HOW YOU
FRAME YOUR
CRITICISM!

MAKE YOUR POINT OF
VIEW CLEAR!

JUST BE HONEST! NO
OPINION IS WRONG.

One thing we all have in common at 20Twenty Productions is our love of film. We were all inspired to have a go at film critiquing for the day.

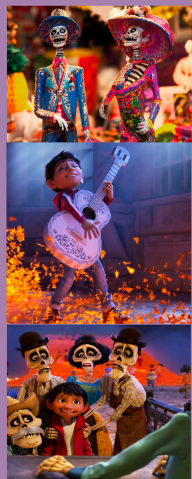
Check out our examples below for some inspiration...

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FILM REVIEWS
COCO BY HARRISON WALKER



'Coco' handles the themes of family loss in an amazing way. The characters are relatable and you experience a range of emotions leaving a lasting impression once the credits start rolling.

The art style and use of colours is astounding and perfectly represents the culture surrounding the Day of the Dead. The soundtrack is so heartwarming and I would recommend this film to absolutely anyone!



TEENY, TINY
FILM REVIEWS
COACH CARTER BY GORDON PARSONAGE



I'm not a massive fan of basketball, however this film blew me away with its motivational and inspiring storyline. Samuel L Jackson performs the protagonist effortlessly, delivering the lines he has to perfection. I would definitely recommend giving it a watch!



Once you have finished your Teeny Tiny Film Review why not have a go at drafting a review about a book, album or TV Show you liked?

Use the template above as a guide to creating an assortment of Teeny Tiny Reviews that you can always come back to when deciding what to watch, listen or read next!

PLUS... be sure to send us your reviews so we can upload them to our social media platforms!

What skills did I use today...?

Jot down in the box below any skills you used or learnt during today's activity...

