

**Lesson 20 Activity Page****WRITING REVIEWS: *What Are the Elements?***

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Entertainment writing may not seem as important as international relations or local news, but it does require a knowledgeable and enthusiastic writer. Reviews of movies and arts events use specialized vocabulary, provide an overview or history of the subject and relate the subject to readers' lives.

**Analyze the style**

1. Select a review of a movie, television program or play in the newspaper.
2. Identify the writer's opinion. Does the writer like the movie or program? How do you know? How would you characterize the writer's tone?

**Analyze the language**

1. List technical vocabulary used in the review. Put a check by words you know and a circle in front of unfamiliar ones.
2. List words the reviewer uses to describe actors, plot or camera work.

**Analyze the content**

1. Write a brief description of the plot of the movie or program.
2. Identify references the reviewer makes to previous work by any of the actors.
3. Describe comparisons the reviewer makes to other movies or programs.