

# Activities

## Topic: Free

Use Google Translate in case you don't understand something.

### 1. How to compose a movie review

#### *Instructions:*

Go to the WikiHow website using the link to the article "How to write a movie review" (<https://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Movie-Review>)



*Read it carefully, and take notes. Then, answer the questions.*

**a) Sum up in your own words the step "Drafting your Review".**

*This step consists of...*

**b) Sum up in your own words the step "Studying your Source Material".**

*This step consists of...*

**c) Sum up in your own words the step "Composing your Review".**

*This step consists of...*

**d) Sum up in your own words the step "Polishing your Piece".**

*This step consists of...*

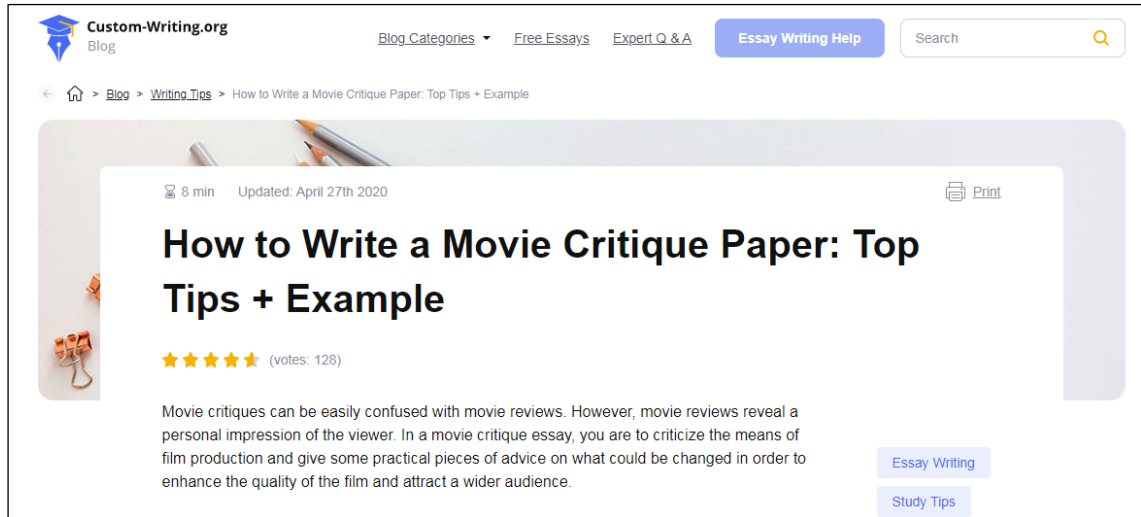
**e) Have you ever written a movie review? What movie was it about?**

*I have...*

## 2. The difference between a review and a critique

*Instructions:*

Go to the Custom Writing website using the link to the article "How to Write a Movie Critique Paper". (<https://custom-writing.org/blog/how-to-write-a-movie-critique-top-tips>)



*Read it carefully. When you're done, answer the following question.*

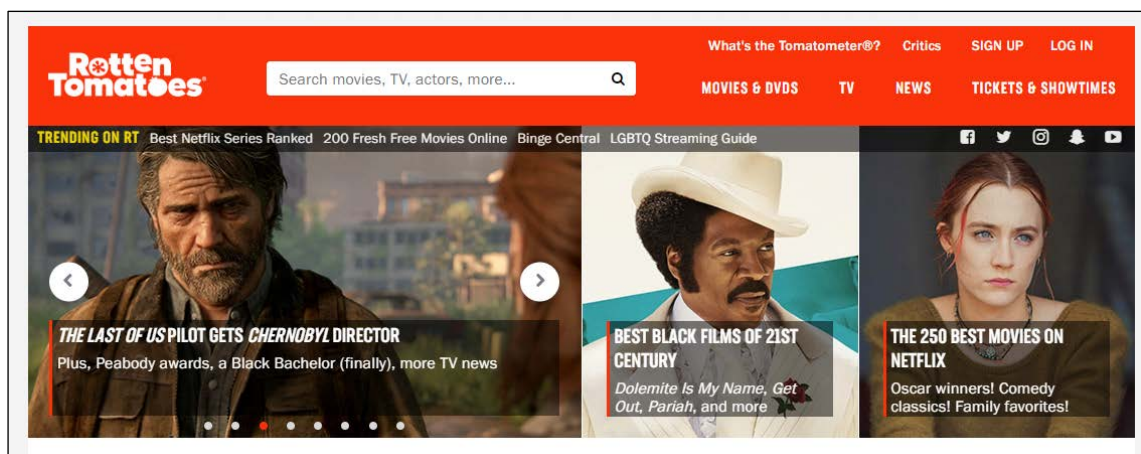
### a) Sum up in your own words the difference between a review and a critique.

*The difference...*

## 3. Check out some reviews and critiques

*Instructions:*

Go to the Rotten Tomatoes website using the link. (<https://www.rottentomatoes.com/>)



*This is a website for movie reviews and critiques. Anyone can rate movies there, but they have different ratings for critics and for the audience in general. Take a look at the example of the movie Titanic below. On the left, you find the rating from the experts, and on the right, from the public in general.*

**TITANIC**  
1997

**TITANIC**

**Critics Consensus**  
A mostly unqualified triumph for James Cameron, who offers a dizzying blend of spectacular visuals and old-fashioned melodrama.

**89%**  
TOMATOMETER  
Total Count: 191

**69%**  
AUDIENCE SCORE  
User Ratings: 35,797,635

[SEE SCORE DETAILS](#)

When you scroll down, you can find the critiques and reviews.

**CRITIC REVIEWS FOR TITANIC**

All Critics (191) | Top Critics (62) | Fresh (170) | Rotten (21)

**Geoff Brown**  
Times (UK)  
★ Top Critic  
February 6, 2020 | Full Review...  
For all the sluggish script and the enormous weight of the special effects, this movie behemoth still has the power to shake us rigid and and touch the soul.

**Nigel Andrews**  
Financial Times  
★ Top Critic  
February 6, 2020 | Full Review...  
[The ending] is a masterpiece of popcorn tragedy; not deep, not sophisticated, barely even credible, but gut-clutching for those of us who have already lost the sensible use of our stomachs, as we would in any worthwhile fairground ride.

**Quentin Curtis**  
Daily Telegraph (UK)  
★ Top Critic  
February 6, 2019 | Rating: 4/5 | Full Review...  
The movie is a ride, and not without the odd moment of corniness. But it's also about freedom and flight, bondage and stagnation. And most fittingly, as a memorial itself, it's about memory and the act of remembering.

**Duane Byrge**  
Hollywood Reporter  
★ Top Critic  
December 26, 2018 | Full Review...  
No meager disaster movie, greased by generic formula and goosed by big bucks technology... Titanic is one big, bruising movie that will appeal on different levels to different audiences.

**Jack Mathews**  
Newsday  
★ Top Critic  
January 3, 2018 | Full Review...  
Cameron's aim was to set the most intimate love story possible against one of the century's biggest tragedies, and he very nearly pulls it off. DiCaprio has a captivating presence in a role that might have been written for a young Clark Gable.

**Paul Tatara**  
CNN.com  
★ Top Critic  
February 25, 2014 | Full Review...  
Cameron has devised a tender love story between Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio that serves as the main focus of Titanic's storyline, and it works beautifully.

**AUDIENCE REVIEWS FOR TITANIC**

**Steve G**  
SUPER REVIEWER  
Dec 23, 2015  
★★★★★  
"Titanic" is an amazing drama/romantic movie of 1997. The plot to "Titanic" is that a group of scientists discover the sunken ship named "Titanic". A woman hears abo...

**Bathsheba M**  
SUPER REVIEWER  
Feb 15, 2014  
★★★★★  
I saw this on DVD for the first time in 2014 as part of a DVD binge weekend during 4 days of snow. I liked it because it has a real story--although in retrospect the poor rich...

**Jason 123 D**  
SUPER REVIEWER  
Oct 22, 2012  
★★★★★  
A great film and the capstone of Cameron's directoral career, although I like almost everything else he did better.

**Alec B**  
SUPER REVIEWER  
Sep 14, 2012  
★★★★★  
One of Hollywood's great "dumb epics". It's absurd, melodramatic, filled with anachronisms and cartoonish characters . . . and yet, it's also highly re-watchable. I...

Now go to the search engine and look up a movie that you've seen, and then read at least one review and one critique about it. Remember you can use the website *IMDB.com* in order to find movie titles in English. Afterwards, answer the questions.

a) **What movie did you look up? Did you enjoy the movie when you saw it?**

*I looked up...*

b) **Did the critics rating reflect what you thought about the movie?**

*The critics rating...*

**c) Did the audience rating reflect what you thought about the movie?**

*The audience rating...*

**d) What did you think about the review that you read?**

*I thought...*

**e) What did you think about the critique that you read?**

*I thought...*

**f) Did the critique that you read follow what's written in the article on the previous exercise?**

*The critique that I read...*

**4. Write your own review**

***Instructions:***

*Think of a movie that you've seen and then write a short composition about it, following the tips in the article on the first exercise.*