**You’re the Critic**

Whether a movie is a rotten tomato or a brilliant work of art, if people are watching it, it's worth critiquing. A decent movie review should entertain, persuade and inform, providing an original opinion without giving away too much of the plot. A *great* movie review can be a work of art in its own right.

**Directions**: After watching the movie/series and completing the during movie assignment, write your review of the movie. Follow the outline below and use the example on the back as a guide for your review of our movie/series.

1. **Start with a compelling fact or opinion on the movie.**

-Comparison to Relevant Event or Movie

-Review in a nutshell

-Context or Background Information

1. **Give a clear, well-established opinion early on.**

Great Movie, Bad Movie, or Okay Movie

1. **Write your review.**
2. **Move beyond the obvious plot analysis.**

-Cinematography

-Music and Sound

-Acting

-Costumes

-Historical Accuracy

1. **Bring your review full-circle in the ending.**

**Sample Movie Review:**

I recently saw *Meet the Parents* and was very pleased with the movie. It is a comedy that depicts what happens when a man is introduced to his girlfriend’s family for the first time. Long story short, this guy ends up getting himself into a world of trouble that he never expected.

This movie is filled with amazing actors who truly make the film. First, Robert De Niro gives a legendary performance in this film and is absolutely hilarious. Ben Stiller as the male lead is his usual funny self. Finally, Owen Wilson is also good for a lot of laughs throughout the film, even though he is playing a supporting role. The casting for this movie is truly perfect, and the actors do not disappoint.

As mentioned, during his first meeting with his girlfriend’s family, Greg (Stiller) gets himself into sticky situations involving family pets, lies, family members, fires, and even sporting games. The problems he faces will have you in stitches. Additionally, you won’t be able to help getting so into the movie, and you’ll be on the edge of your seat waiting to see what will happen in the end.

One of the best things about this movie is that it’s so relatable. We all have those awkward moments (many of them having to do with our love lives) that make us cringe. Regardless of your embarrassing situation, Greg has probably gotten into something worse. You can’t help but laugh hysterically at his expense.

Finally, I love how in this film just when everything seems to finally be going right, it can turn around in an instant. Without giving too much away, there are so many times where you think that Greg is finally going to make a good impression but then ends up messing up all over again, sending you into inevitable fits of laughter.

Overall, this is a great movie with a mix of a ton of laughs and a love story all rolled into one. If you’re looking for a pick-me-up or to laugh hysterically, this is undoubtedly the movie for you.