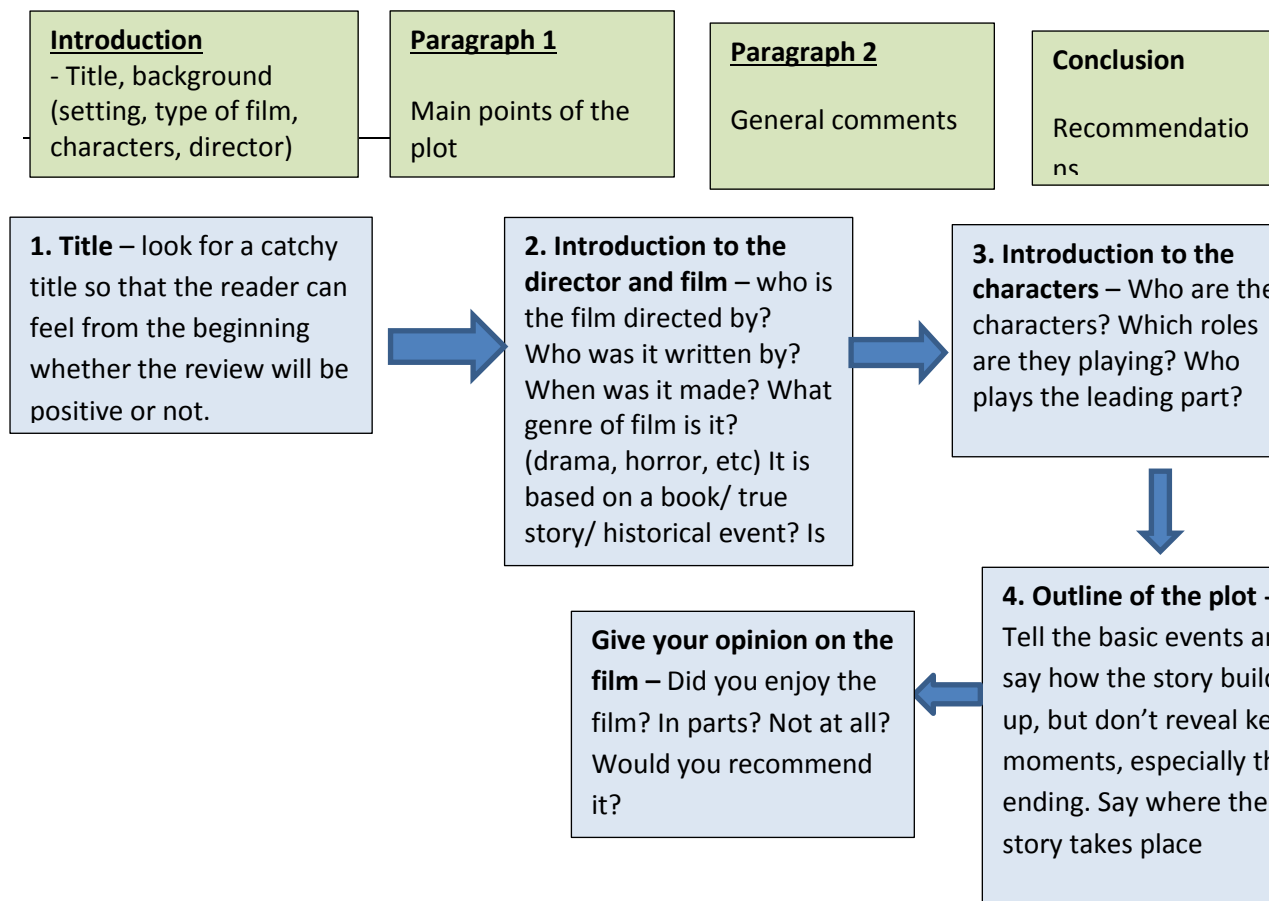


## FILM REVIEW GUIDELINES



## Useful expressions

**Introduction-**

- If you want an exciting/ boring/ frightening evening go and see (name of the film)
- If you like historical films, then (name of the film) is definitely for you;
- If you are wondering where to go and see on a Saturday night, I suggest you avoid (name of the film);
- Spielberg directed many exciting adventure films but nothing like as nail biting as ( name of the film);
- Brad Pitt starred in many films, but (name of the film) is not one of them.

**Background**

- (name of the film) was written/ directed by ...
- It is based on the life ... / the author's experience/ on a book of the same name;
- It tells the story of ... and as the story develops, we see ...
- It stars (name of the actor/ actress) in the role of X;
- It takes place in the city of .../ it is set in ...at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- The film touches upon the problem of ...
- After a series of unbelievable coincidences...
- The film reaches a breath taking climax...
- The plot has an unexpected twist
- The plot is rather unconvincing

### **General Comments**

- The film lacks ...
- The cast is excellent/ weak
- The script is dull / exciting, etc
- The acting is moving / powerful/ true to life / first rate / excellent / weak/ disappointing;
- It is brilliantly directed;
- The dialogues are touching/ witty/ hilarious / boring, etc;
- It will keep you on the edge of the seat;

### **Recommendations**

- Don't miss it - it will change the way you think about it;
- This film is must-see~
- I thoroughly recommend this film as it's a masterpiece of its kind that shows how ...
- The film is thought- provoking;
- On the whole, I wouldn't recommend it, in view of the fact that ...
- This film leaves much to be desired ...