

Play Review

A play review is an evaluation of the performance of a play. Your review should be a polished example of your best writing and should contain five paragraphs. This must be typed, with a proper heading that includes your name, number, and the date, in 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced. Answer the following questions as completely as possible. ***Attach your review to your program and turn in all three within two weeks of viewing the production.***

Paragraph 1 - The Basics

Include the answers to the five W's: Who? (Who are the playwright, director, actors), What? (What is the title of the play), Where? (The name of the school or theater where the play was performed), When? (When did you see it) and Why? (In a few sentences tell about the basic themes of the play).

Paragraph 2 -The Plot

In ten sentences or more, briefly summarize the plot of the play (what happened?). How well did the story work? Was it interesting, entertaining? Did you like the actual script?

Paragraph 3 -The Acting

React to the performers playing the characters in the play. Be sure to use their real names and character names. Select two actors in the play, and describe what you liked or disliked about his or her performance. Were they believable? How was their volume and articulation? Did their gestures and body movement convey and stay true to the character? How so or not so?

Paragraph 4 - The Design

- **Set:** Did it establish the correct mood and time period for the play? Describe the setting of the play (time, place, time of day, season, environment, year, and historical time period) and discuss how it was reflected in the set design and props.
- **Lights:** Did they convey the proper mood, emphasis, and brightness? Were there any moments in the play when the lighting added something extra to the story being told?
- **Costumes & Make Up:** Were they true to the time period, setting, and mood of the show? And to the characters?
- **Sound:** How did the sound effects and music contribute to the show's mood?

Paragraph 5 - Your Reaction

Did the play maintain your interest? Why or why not? Describe what you liked most about the play, and tell why you liked that thing. Also, describe what you liked least about the play and tell why you disliked it. Would you recommend this play to a friend? Why/why not?

Want extra credit? Take a selfie with a cast or crew member while holding your program and email it to jveitch@euhsd.org before the two week deadline. Even better, get their autograph! Who knows? It may be worth something someday ☺

FINAL DUE DATE: December 14, 2021 (no later than 3:30 pm)

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