

Movie Reviews

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Writing movie reviews is a useful way to improve language proficiency because it helps learners practice many skills at the same time. When writing a review, students need to summarize the plot, describe characters and settings, and express their personal opinions, which expands their vocabulary and improves sentence structure. Reviews also encourage critical thinking by requiring learners to organize ideas clearly and support opinions with reasons. In addition, writing about films makes learning enjoyable and creative, since movies are familiar and interesting to most students. This practice not only strengthens writing and communication skills but also builds cultural awareness and confidence in using the language.

Moreover, composing a movie review essay serves an important pedagogical function, as it requires students to critically analyze cinematic texts and portray their subjective impressions. According to Bloom's Taxonomy of Educational Objectives (Bloom, 1956), such tasks engage higher-order thinking skills, particularly analysis, evaluation, and creation. By examining elements such as narrative structure, characterization, cinematography, and symbolism, students practice moving from surface-level viewing to deeper interpretation. Furthermore, writing reviews allows students to engage in reflective practice, which Schön (1983) identifies as essential for developing the ability to connect experience with theoretical understanding. In this way, movie review writing not only strengthens academic communication skills but also fosters media literacy (Hobbs, 2010), enabling students to interpret films as cultural artifacts with broader social, historical, and ideological significance.

In this article, there are five students writing the review on movie of their choice. Pitchaya Voraraksa narrates how the movie, *The Billionaire*, inspires him while analyzing the protagonist's performance in the movie. *Amazing world of Gumball* allows Pannakul Phadungat to reflect on his childhood memories which help him understand the story better and what it entails. Similarly Punyanoot Jaimun presented a synopsis of *Harry Potter* and the lesson learned from the movie. The childhood movie, *Star Wars*, by Ronnakrit Srirattanamongkol provides an analysis on the plot, characters, and dialogues interestingly. In *Hormones The Series* by Panburaya Boonpitak, personal experiences are deeply connected and portrayed through the writing.

In conclusion, writing a movie review requires students to synthesize personal impressions with critical analysis in order to produce a balanced and evidence-based evaluation. By examining narrative strategies, visual techniques, and thematic concerns, students are able to demonstrate their ability to interpret films as both artistic creations and cultural texts. Such reviews provide opportunities to apply analytical frameworks, engage with diverse perspectives, and articulate reasoned arguments supported by textual evidence. Ultimately, the practice of writing movie reviews not only refines academic writing and critical thinking skills but also fosters a deeper awareness of how cinema reflects and shapes societal values.

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Here are the movie reviews by Mathayom 6 students, academic year 2025.

The Billionaire

Pitchaya Voraraksa M.6/6 No.1

Do not wait for the perfect moment. Let it happen by yourself. This is the main concept of the movie. *The Billionaire* directed by Songyos Sugmakanan is a Thai biography based on the real-life story of Thop Itthipat Kulapongvanich, who is the founder of the most popular sea weed snacks named Tao Kae Noi.

The film tells the story of Thop, a teenager who faces many problems and is struggling in high school. He also experiences financial difficulties when his family went bankrupt. Despite many failures in business, he keeps trying again and again. He sets up new businesses such as selling video games and chestnuts. However, his venture eventually goes bankrupt.

Pachara Chirathivat delivers an impressive performance as Thop Ittipat. He perfectly portrays the transformation from a careless teen to successful entrepreneur. His acting captures the emotion of the character, making the audience truly believe in his journey.

Overall, *The Billionaire* portrays determination, ambition, and the pursuit of dreams and success. This film is highly recommended for anyone seeking inspiration to start a business, or for those who have fallen and want to rise again quickly. It encourages viewers to ask questions, face challenges, and shows how obstacles can be overcome with perseverance.

The Wonderfully Weird World of Gumball

Pannakul Phadungat M.6/6 No.8

The *Amazing World of Gumball* is a funny and creative show that many people enjoy. The main protagonist is a blue cat named Gumball Watterson.

In the beginning we meet the family, the Wattersons. His dad ,Richard, is a big pink rabbit who is lazy and spends all his time at home. His mother, Nicole, works hard and takes care of the household. Gumball also has a sister named Anais. She is very smart and is best friends with Darwin, who used to be a pet fish but now has legs and can talk.

Some episodes might aim for entertainment while some reflect the real world in the show. This show reminds me of so many memories when I was a kid. Back then I didn't notice that it was this good. Later I started to understand it more.

Harry Potter

Punyanoot Jaimun M.6/6 No.17

Have you ever wanted to live in a world with magic and fun adventures? *Harry Potter* is a movie adapted from the novel by J.K. Rowling. The story is about a boy who finds out he is a wizard on his birthday. He gets to go to a magic school called Hogwarts.

At Hogwarts, Harry meets new friends like Ron and Hermione. They help each other and go through many hard times together by fighting bad people and learning about being brave, helping others, and doing the right thing. As the story goes on, Harry learns more about his past and the evil wizard Voldemort.

I think *Harry Potter* is a great movie because it is fun, full of magic, and easy to enjoy. It also teaches us about love, friendship, and being strong even when things are hard. That is why I really like this story, and I think others should watch it too.

My Childhood Movies

Ronnakrit Srirattanamongkol M. 6/7 No.1

I am a big fan of the *Star Wars* movies. I always rewatch them when I have a free time.

One of the best *Star Wars* movie is *Star Wars episode III : Revenge of the Sith*. It is directed by George Lucas. The main character of *Star wars* episodes is Anakin Skywalker and he is also the chosen one. The plot is about Anakin struggling with fear and making difficult choices that change his destiny.

The light saber duels scenes are not CGI; the actors have to train a lot to perform it. Their effort never in vain, the movies come out perfectly. Every light saber duel scenes are unique. It has

different light saber wielding styles and movement. Everything looks very smooth, that's why I love it.

One of the most iconic thing in Star Wars is a dialogue. There are so many dialogues that very unique and we can't see it in daily. For examples "if so powerful you are, why leave?" They talk backwards and it's very iconic. The acting was also excellent, actors fit their characters perfectly.

From the movie, I learned that we shouldn't trust in someone's word too easily, we should think a lot if it's true or not. And I also learned that we cannot find a way out without considering what it may cost.

Hormones The Series

Panburaya Boonpitak M. 6/7 No.14

Watching *Hormones The Series* felt like opening a diary of teenage life. It's not a perfect or sweet story, but that's exactly why I love it. It shows the real struggles we face every day pressure from school, problems with family, fights with friends, first love, heartbreak, and even things that we don't usually talk about out loud. Every episode made me feel something and think about my own life. Sometimes we are happy, sad, and just quiet.

What moves me the most is how real the characters are. They are not superheroes or fairy-tale students. They are like us, feeling confused, emotional, selfish, and caring. I could see a part of myself in some of them. For example, when a character makes mistakes, I also feel nervous, because I also make similar mistakes in my life. When they cry, I could feel the pain with them. When they laughed, I laughed too.

This series also makes me realize how complicated people really are. On the outside, someone may look strong, popular, or perfect, but inside, they might be lonely or struggling. Those who look wild or rebellious might actually just want someone to understand them. It teaches me not to judge people too quickly, because everyone carries their own story.

More than just entertainment, *Hormones* gives me lessons. It shows me that every choice we make has consequences, and growing up means learning from both good and bad decisions. It also reminds me that it is all right to feel lost sometimes, because being a teenager is about finding ourselves step by step.

In the end, *Hormones The Series* is not only a show I watched — it's a story I felt. It gave me comfort, like telling me, "You're not alone in this." For me, that's what makes it so powerful and unforgettable.