

Writing an essay about a book or a film

TITLE	
<p><i>Before you start working on your essay, you should give your paper a working title which will help you focus on the topic of your paper. You can change it as you write it to adapt it to your writing. Give your paper a final title when you edit it for the last time.</i></p>	
Chart Structure	Write your essay below using the directions in the left column.
INTRODUCTION	
<i>Write the title of this part:</i>	
1. Provide some background info about the film director and the film or the author and the book.	
2. Summarize the film or the book in a few lines.	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
3. State your writing project in focusing on the themes that you are going to discuss in the body part	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
4. Announce elegantly what you will be discussing in the body of your text.	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
BODY	
<i>Write the title of this part:</i>	
<p>Paragraph #1: Write about the correlation between form and content This paragraph is required: write a short paragraph about the relation between the format/form of the movie/book and its content or main ideas? 1. How is the story told throughout the film/book? 2. Who is telling the story? Whose voice is in the story? 3. Does the structure of the film/book fit its topics/themes?</p>	
<p>Paragraph #2: Write about a character This paragraph is required. Write about this character: 1. Discuss about the personality of the character 2. Its relation with other characters 3. And its connection with the main themes of the film/book</p>	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
<p>Paragraph #3: Write about major issues This paragraph is required: Choose at least 2 major issues or themes raised by the movie/book and discuss the following aspects: 1. How did the director introduce the issue? 2. What characters carry the issues? 3. How did the direction develop the issue from the beginning to the end of the movie? 4. How did the director resolve the issue?</p>	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
<p>Paragraph #4: Write about the life/world vision This paragraph is required. Find a vision that will enlighten the movie/book, the director's movie or the book's author or a general idea, concept, etc.</p>	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
CONCLUSION	
<i>WRITE THE TITLE OF THIS PART:</i>	
1. Summarize the main ideas which you expressed in the body of your essay.	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
2. Do you like this film/book & why? Does this book/film relate to your experiences, ideas, feelings or emotions?	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>
3. Enlarge/connect your issues with other possible issues to situate this topic in a larger context.	<i>(Write a transition word here before you start the paragraph)</i>

Adapted from Dr. Kao-Ly Yang's essay chart