

Review Writing Tips

An important point to remember: a review combines all the informative material of straight journalism with the pizzazz and voice of personal writing!

Reviews typically should include:

- the name of what is being reviewed
- clear identifying information (author and publisher, location of restaurant, where a film can be seen, etc.)
- a strong statement of the reviewer's overall opinion
- specific examples that support the reviewer's opinion
- a focus on material relevant to the particular subject of the review, such as quotations from a book; background material on an author, an actor, or a musician/musical group; comments on atmosphere and prices for a restaurant review
- clear organization through an introduction, body paragraph(s) and a conclusion
- a particular tone (use of humor, sarcasm, authority, etc.) and a specific writer's voice
- use of a rating system