

Review

● Audience + Purpose

The question is likely to propose a general context (e.g. "a recently released film... which you love / hate...") - but the review itself should contain informative context (invented) about the specific subject of the review.

The audience will usually be decided by where the article will be published: e.g. 'your school magazine'

The prime purpose of a review is to stimulate interest ... then to inform ... and finally to offer some kind of judgement.

● Register + Tone

A review generally uses a semi-formal register.

Will use a tone and style intended to engage the reader.

● Conventions

- Will have an attractive, catchy title.
- Will often have a tag line or subheading under the main title.
- Will include the name of product being reviewed as well as other basic information.
- Will have a standardised structure – introduction, main body, final verdict.

● Useful Language

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| ● "[Subject] is a masterclass in [specific skill/technique/effect]." |
| ● "[Subject] seamlessly blends [Element A] with [Element B]." |
| ● "[Subject] transcends [Genre/Expectation] to become something truly [Adjective]." |
| ● "[Specific Element] elevates the experience from [Ordinary Level] to [Exceptional Level]." |
| ● "[Subject] is not just [Common Description]; it's essential viewing/reading/listening." |

● How to Choose in English B?

A review will be appropriate if the task requires you to comment on a work of art of some sort (a film, an album, a play, etc) or some kind of product, service or event. The term 'comment' is assumed to include (i) a description, (ii) an analysis, and (iii) some sort of judgement on how successful it is (which elements are successful and which are not). The audience can be assumed to be the general public, although the task may specify a section with particular interests.

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● Exemplar

The Forgotten Current: More Than a Movie, It's a Revelation!

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Forget dry documentaries – this masterpiece proves learning can be as thrilling as the deepest ocean trench!

Benjamín Cortés's "The Forgotten Current" left me exhilarated and enlightened. It's a blueprint for cinema that marries artistry with substance, immersing you in the life of brilliant oceanographer Marie Tharp (Alicia Vikander, phenomenal), whose 1950s work reshaped our understanding of Earth.

First, the Thrill Ride: Pure Entertainment

Dismiss any thought that "informative" means "boring." From a thrilling recreation of a storm-battered research vessel, Cortés grabs you instantly. Vikander embodies Tharp with fierce intelligence and quiet determination; her battle against post-war academia's sexism is as gripping as any hero's quest. The cast crackles with authentic tension. Masterful pacing weaves intense scientific discovery – meticulously plotting sonar soundings revealing the ocean floor – with deeply human drama: Tharp's isolation, frustrations, and triumphs. The oceanic score swells, and the cinematography is breathtaking. Oppressive labs dissolve into luminous CGI plunging you alongside Tharp's pen strokes, revealing underwater mountain ranges and the vast Mid-Atlantic Ridge rift valley. It's spectacular, resonant storytelling.

Beyond Spectacle: A Flood of Illuminating Truths

The film excels because its entertainment fuels its power to inform. Cortés makes Tharp's revolutionary discovery – crucial evidence for plate tectonics found in the mapped rift valley – viscerally exciting and understandable. We see the data compiled, feel the scientific resistance, and grasp the magnitude of proving Earth's crust moves. It brilliantly illuminates science's hidden process: the drudgery, collaboration, conflict, societal barriers (especially for women), and the electrifying click of a world-changing theory. It's a potent history lesson on a pivotal revolution and a stark reminder of erased figures, particularly women. You leave knowing what plate tectonics is, how it was proven, and who paid the price.

Why You MUST Catch This Current Now

This is essential viewing. "The Forgotten Current" models cinema's potential: it captivates, engages intellect, and stirs the soul. It transforms complex science into a compelling human story celebrating curiosity, perseverance, and courage. In an era where scientific understanding is vital yet challenged, Tharp's story is a beacon. Vikander delivers Oscar-worthy brilliance; Cortés directs with epic vision and intimate sensitivity. Watching feels important, filling you with awe for our planet and respect for its unseen explorers.

Don't wait. Rush to see "The Forgotten Current." Be dazzled by its visuals, moved by its story, and enlightened by its profound exploration of our dynamic Earth and the brilliant mind who mapped it. It doesn't just entertain and inform – it inspires. You'll leave seeing the world anew. See it now!