

FINAL ESSAY

Due date. 18th January 2021.

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References. Please follow one of the two referencing styles found here:

https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html

Plagiarism. If your work contains unacknowledged citations, you will receive 0 points.

Complete both part I and part II (each part is worth up to 20 points).

I. Present Carroll's account of art criticism. Particularly, explain (1) in what sense Carroll's account is descriptive; (2) Carroll's view of the fundamental goal of criticism; (3) the parts of criticism and the relations that hold between them. (**Word limit:** 1200 words).

II. Choose a piece of art criticism and analyze it in terms of Carroll's account. You should indicate which parts of the piece correspond to which part of criticism. In the case of evaluation, you should indicate what parts of the piece, if any, ground the critic's evaluative verdict.

Copy the piece in its entirety in your essay. Insert your comments in square brackets. In addition to square brackets, you may want to use a different font to distinguish your comments from the piece you are discussing. You should briefly motivate your classification, but you can be brief if you think it's quite obvious (examples are provided in a supplementary document).

It is important that you reference the source of the piece you choose (if it's online, the page's URL will suffice). You should also reference the artwork that is discussed in the piece.

Some possible questions about part II

What kind of art criticism should I choose?

Movie reviews, as well as reviews of literary works of fiction, are great. Reviews of music albums are also good, and so are reviews of art exhibitions. Avoid criticism that uses artworks as a starting point to discuss other issues. The piece you choose does not need to be too long (500 words may be enough), but it should exemplify various parts of criticism as described by Carroll.

Where can I find pieces of art criticism?

You may choose any source you like, as long as the piece is written by a professional critic, or at least by someone with similar competence.

A good place for movie reviews is this website: <https://www.rottentomatoes.com/> (choose a movie, scroll down to the section “Critic reviews”, and open the link to the reviews by clicking on them.)

For reviews of recent music albums, see <https://pitchfork.com/reviews/albums/>

Do I have to comment on every sentence or paragraph of the piece I choose?

No. There may be several passages that engage in the same critical operation. For instance, there will be various paragraphs that deal with the description of the movie. It is sufficient to comment on one of them.

Can the piece I choose be in a language other than English?

No. :)