

## HOW TO WRITE A TV SERIES / FILM REVIEW

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### While watching...

Take notes: main events, notable scenes or character traits. Anything interesting you may observe.

### After watching...

Organise your ideas: Think about all the things you want to talk about and write them down.

### While writing...

Keep the structure easy to understand and read. Separate ideas into paragraphs, use connectors and a variety of vocabulary and adjectives of description.

\*Useful dictionaries to help you:

<https://www.wordreference.com/synonyms/movie>

<https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/movie>

### Text organisation:

1. Introduction: Begin the review with a concise summary of the film or show premise (essential details, genre, and any relevant background information).

2. Plot summary: A description of the series/film and important details

3. Analysis: An evaluation of different elements

- Characters: Main and supporting characters, their development or complexity and the performances of actors portraying these roles.
- Production: Production quality (cinematography, set design, costumes, special effects, soundtrack...)
- Themes and messages: Explain and explore the main ideas and develop your personal opinion about them.

4. Conclusion: Summarise your overall thoughts on the film/series and say if you recommend it or not and to which audiences (families, children, teenagers, grown-up people...)

\* Tip: Every review is subjective, but it is important to keep it fair and respectful.

**Some examples:**

Killers of the flower (Variety):

<https://variety.com/2023/film/columns/killers-of-the-flower-moon-leonardo-dicaprio-martin-scorsese-1235772356/>

Best TV of 2023 (The Guardian):

<https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2023/jun/05/the-best-tv-of-2023-so-far>

Peaky Blinders (Pastemagazine):

<https://www.pastemagazine.com/tv/peaky-blinders/peaky-blinders-season-6-review>

Downton Abbey: A new era (RogerEbert):

<https://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/downton-abbey-a-new-era-2022>