

REVIEW

Writing topic:

Write 120-140 words in English on the following topic.

Write a review of a film you have seen recently for the local student newspaper.

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	Title	The Aviator
OPENING: states title and genre, and gives opinion	Par. 1 <i>The Aviator – drama, actors and director</i>	“The Aviator” is a comprehensive drama about the life of the great American millionaire, Howard Hughes. It is directed by Martin Scorsese, and stars the appealing heart-throb, Leonardo Di Caprio, in the main role. Scorsese’s aim in this film is to share Howard Hughes’s amazing story with the public, and he does this admirably.
BODY: • includes the plot (briefly), characters and setting • supports opinion	Par. 2 <i>The story-line (plot)</i>	We see Hughes as a young boy and learn the origin of the health obsessions that affect him throughout his life. People often forget that he was also a record-breaking pilot, a successful industrialist and a Hollywood actor. The film tells the story of Hughes’s aviation work. His fascination with airplanes is the main subject of the film.
	Par. 3 <i>Characters and setting Sum up performances My opinion</i>	Although Scorsese succeeds very well in presenting the story of Hughes’s life in Los Angeles, sometimes the character is a little superficial. Despite this, Di Caprio and the other members of the cast give excellent performances.
CONCLUSION: recommends / does not recommend film	Par. 4 <i>Concluding remarks – recommend film</i>	You must be prepared to sit through this very long film. However, all in all, it is a compelling drama, well worth seeing.

Useful Language for Reviews:

action	a rare film / book	I (strongly) recommend / do not recommend
director / producer	dull / boring	the characters are
excitement	entertaining	the story takes place in / is set in
performance	fascinating	viewers will remember / enjoy / appreciate
plot	inspiring	
script	sensational	
superstars	unimaginative	
tension	(un) realistic scenes	