

Expositions topic

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Look at the sample below, and answer the following questions.

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4. Make notes in your vocabulary notebooks of interesting language you could use.

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13th June 2012

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Teacher's notes

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Comment [ARB1]: First mention of a movie title is italicised (or underlined if handwritten)

Comment [ARB2]: Genre

Comment [ARB3]: Creator

Comment [ARB4]: Most unique feature.

Comment [ARB5]: Introducing the plot (as summary), and signposting the start of the Body Section

Comment [ARB6]: Indicating actors' names

Comment [ARB7]: Signposting the start of the author's opinions.

Comment [ARB8]: Indicating first perceptions, but that the perception changed.

Comment [ARB9]: Highlighting good elements

Comment [ARB10]: Signposting more opinion

Comment [ARB11]: Conclusion signpost. Can also use, "In short, ...", "In summary, ...", "In conclusion, ...".