

AT HOME!

PROJECT NO.8

Be a Film Critic!

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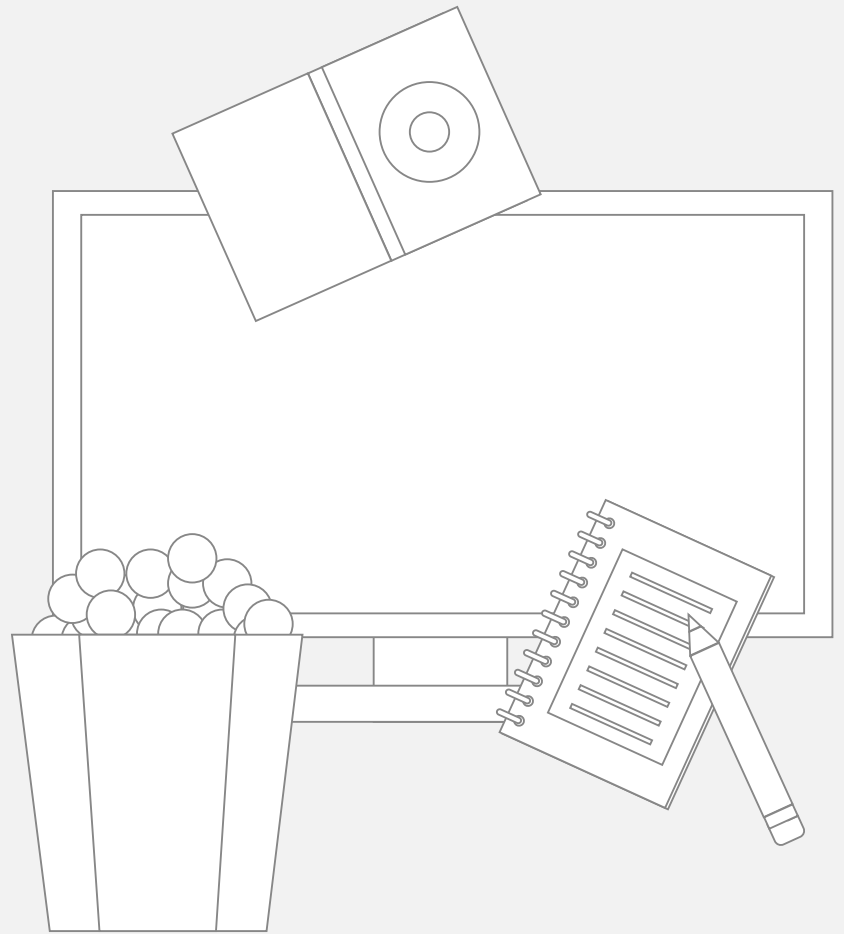
Film critics analyse films and produce reviews and articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, TV, social media channels and websites.

Film critics are not shy... they express their opinions. A good film review should be honest and individual – what you like or don't like about a film is personal to you.

Because it's hard to write a film review of a movie you're watching for the first time (because hopefully you'll enjoy it too much to think about a review)... we suggest you try your first review on a film you've watched before.

YOU WILL NEED:

- A movie you've seen before
- A note pad and some prompts for things to look out for
- Popcorn!



BEFORE YOU START:

You need to have a think about why you like certain things and not others. Consider your favourite TV shows and films, and think why you like them? Equally think about those that you don't enjoy, and why that might be.

Top Tips!

To be a film critic, you need to be able to watch a movie from a critical point of view. It's easier to do this with a film you've seen before. You will need to be able to take a step back from the story and think about what's good or bad, and why. If you like, you could practice on TV shows that you normally watch before you have a go



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STEP 1:

Before you choose your film, write a list of questions to help you analyse and review what you're about to watch. Something like;

- How did the film make me feel?
- What was the main message of the story?
- How was the story told in the film – action, romance, comedy?
- What do you think about how the film was put together?
- Think about some of the characters, how did the Director influence how we felt about them? Was there scary music whenever the bad guy was on screen? What about clothing, language or differences in lighting used for different characters

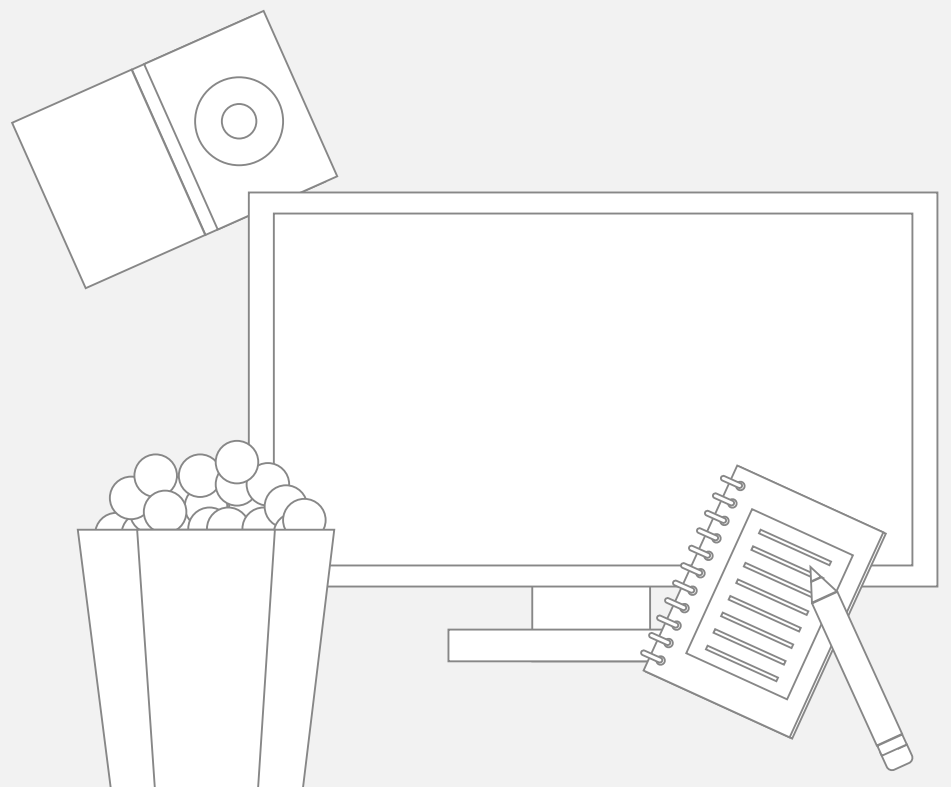


STEP 2:

Get popcorn! Even film critics eat popcorn when they're working!

STEP 3:

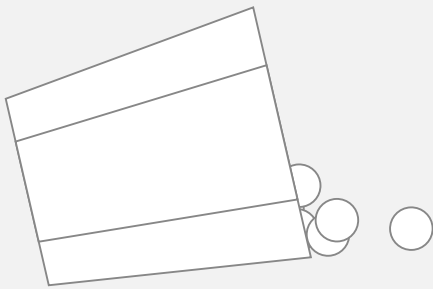
Decide which film you are going to watch and prepare yourself to watch it as a critic. It will be helpful to have some of the questions you've prepared to hand, so you can remind yourself what you need to be looking for when you watch the film



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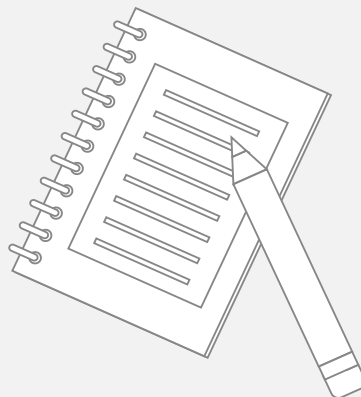
STEP 4:

After you've watched the film, take some time to think through your questions and make up your own mind about what you really thought of it. Remember, the best reviews are the really honest ones!



STEP 5:

If you want to write up your review, we'd love to read it! You can share it with us at #EurekaAtHome. Or, if you prefer, why not have a look at our activity sheet on 'How to be a TV Presenter', and present your review to camera!?



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